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Final farewell for BBC star

TRIBUTES have been paid to Reg Turnill, the former BBC space correspondent and founder of Kent's HG Wells Festival, who died this week.

The 97-year-old covered much of the space race and was the reporter who broke to the world the problems faced by the Apollo 13 crew. PAGE 3

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Horse scandal: 'More to come'

A TOP butcher has warned of more revelations as the horse-meat saga shows no signs of slowing.

Christopher Rook, who has 13 stores across the county and sources his meat locally, says shoppers are increasingly turning their back on super-market supplies. PAGE 7

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One man and his island...

WHILE most of us spent last summer watching the Olympic Games, one man spent six weeks alone on an island off the Kent coast.

Inside, the artist recounts his experience in the Medway Estuary living on plants and fish as he unveils a film about his stay. PAGE 17

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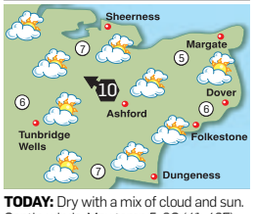

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INSPECTION

Under pressure children's chief says sorry as Ofsted slams 'inadequate' care

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A DAMNING Ofsted report into child protection services at Medway Council has revealed that some vulnerable children are not getting adequate protection.

Inspectors rated the service inadequate – the lowest Ofsted rating – and demanded improvements be made.

During the inspection they found that while no children were at immediate risk, some were not protected as well as they should be or quickly enough and that social workers and managers did not always follow procedures.

Decision-making by managers also came under fire, with inspectors calling for improvements to ensure help and protection is offered to children and families at the right time.

The report stated that some cases are being closed too early, without the right support being provided, resulting in too many re-referrals.

Cabinet member for children's services Les Wicks apologised and confirmed that a "fast pace of change" was being brought about to address the priorities for improvement.

"I unreservedly apologise to the people of Medway for our failure to deliver the children's safeguarding service that our children and young people deserve," he said. "The situation is not good enough and is not acceptable.

"Early last year it was clear to me that we were not improving fast enough to meet the standards children deserve.

"Things needed to change faster and that is why in June last year we appointed Barbara Peacock as our new director of children's and adults' services.

"Since then, we have completed a thorough review of the whole children's safeguarding area and in late 2012 we instigated a major programme of change that was already starting to address the weaknesses identified by Ofsted's inspection in January.

"We still have much to do, but are committed to working with our partners to protect children who are at risk."

Director of children and adult services, Barbara Peacock, said the council wholly accepted the findings.

"The inspectors have highlighted that Medway has committed and conscientious social workers and our improvement plan builds on that commitment to their work," she said. "Ofsted has recognised that we already have a comprehensive improvement plan and we are already making rapid progress."

Leader of the Labour party at Medway, Vince Maple, said Cllr Wicks' apology was "not good enough" and called for him to step down.

"As the politician with responsibility for Medway's young people, Cllr Wicks must recognise that this inspection which has the worst possible judgement happened on his watch," said Cllr Maple. "After previous failings on critical issues – including Medway being bottom of the Key Stage 2 league table and the incompetent school reorganisation programme – the only option for him is to step down from this portfolio."

Labour spokesman for children and young people, Adam Price, raised concerns over whether one director for both children and adult services was enough.

"We call on the council to revert to the former senior leadership model of separate directors of children's and adults' services to ensure the best possible chance of recovering," he said.

"We also call on the council to publicly report back in 100 days on the progress that has been made to attempt to regain some confidence with Medway residents following the report."

This is not the first time a Kent council has found itself with an "inadequate" rating for children's services.

In 2010, Ofsted found Kent County Council's child protection "inadequate", where in the worst cases children had been left at significant risk of harm. Some 2,700 vulnerable children were found to be without a social worker.

A report last month showed things have now been turned around.

SORRY: Cllr Les Wicks has apologised for Medway child protection services' inadequate rating, as reported by Ofsted

Charity's plea for foster carers to come forward as almost 1,000 volunteers are urgently needed

A LEADING foster charity has revealed the need for hundreds of new foster families for vulnerable children in care.

Fostering Network says there are 8,700 children living with foster carers in the south east, but some 950 more carers are needed as youngsters come in and out of care through the year.

While the charity was unable to give Kent-specific figures, it is understood a large number of carers are needed in the county. There are more than 2,800 looked-after-children in Kent, who are under the care of Kent County Council.

County Hall chiefs have been active in their campaigning for more foster carers in recent years and these latest figures are likely to spur them on even more.

Chief executive of the Fostering Network, Robert Tapsfield, said: "Despite fostering services attracting more people to become foster carers, the continuing rise of children coming into care means hundreds more are still needed in the south east of England this year alone.

"These children need a stable family life to help them grow and achieve their potential. By becoming a foster carer people can help them have the best possible opportunity for a positive future, to do well at school and be successful in later life.

"Fostering services are looking for people from all walks of life to become foster carers, of all ages, and from single people to large families. What matters is that they have a desire to work with children and the right skills."

The next KCC fostering event, to find out more about what's involved, is on Thursday, February 28, from 7pm-8.30pm, at the Lenham Community Centre, Groom Way, Lenham. See http://kentfostering.co.uk/ for details.

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TRIBUTE

Fond memories of BBC reporter who broke the story of Apollo 13

By Chris Britcher
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TRIBUTES have been paid to Reg Turnill, the legendary BBC aerospace correspondent who reported on the most thrilling years of the space race, and who died this week.

Mr Turnill passed away after several months of ill health at the Pilgrims' Hospice in Ashford. He was 97.

Born in Dover, he spent recent years living in Sandgate, where he became an active member of the community.

He enjoyed a remarkable career which continued long after his retirement, supporting and founding the popular HG Wells short story competition in Folkestone each year and personally putting up the £1,000 top prize in order to inspire authors to write in the style of the famous storyteller. It forms a key part of the HG Wells Festival in the town which Mr Turnill helped create in 2009.

But it was his time with the BBC for which he will be most remembered.

Having started his Fleet Street career with the Press Association when he was 15, he joined the BBC in 1956 as assistant industrial correspondent. Two years later, he was promoted to air and space correspondent and found himself at the centre of the fast-emerging space race between the US and USSR.

Among his assignments was a trip to Moscow to cover the first manned space launch, and reporting from the US on the Apollo Moon missions. It was in 1970 he secured his biggest scoop when he was the first journalist in the world to break the news that Apollo 13 was in trouble when he heard the immortal words 'Houston we have a problem' as he made a late night visit to mission control.

Speaking of the moment years later, he said: "I was just leaving the deserted press centre when I heard the famous words. By 5am I'd broken the story. The astronauts were in deadly danger."

In 1969, he was on board the maiden flight of Concorde and continued his association with the BBC – most recently contributing to the corporation's coverage of the death of Neil Armstrong, the first man on the Moon.

JOURNALIST: Reg Turnill went on assignment to Nasa during the Apollo Moon missions

In later years, he became an active member of the Sandgate Society, and a key player in the HG Wells Festival.

However, he found his strict rules had to be relaxed in order to appease a modern audience.

Speaking to KoS two years ago, he said: "I wanted people to write the stories by hand as a condition of entry to address the low standard of literacy and handwriting these days.

"It's an important art in itself and many of our most famous authors find that's the best way to do creative writing. My aim in offering the £1,000 prize was to get people to mimic what HG Wells did in the 1900s."

Organisers of this year's awards said: "His death is a great loss to many as he was a great man. Our thoughts are with his family."

Nick Spall, fellow of the British Interplanetary Society, added: "He was the astronaut who never made it to the Moon."

He leaves behind his wife Margaret and their two sons.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Probe into gun death

A MAJOR police investigation was launched on Tuesday night when a 32-year-old man died after being shot in Dartford.

Kevin McKinley was found with gun shot wounds at around 8pm on Overy Street after reports of a shooting. He was rushed to hospital but died of his injuries.

At the time of going to press, four people had been arrested by officers. Anyone who may have any information should contact police on 101.

Meet the commissioner

POLICE and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes is staging the first of a series of 'meet the commissioner' events in Maidstone this week - with anyone interested in policing invited to attend.

The aim is to give the public the opportunity to raise issues directly with the elected PCC.

This week's event takes place on Wednesday at Oakwood House at 6.30pm. To book a place visit www.kent-pcc.gov.uk.

Hit guitarist dies at 72

ROCK musician Rick Huxley, one of the founding members of 1960s chart sensation The Dave Clark Five, has died. He was 72.

The bass guitarist, who was born in Dartford, had been battling emphysema after years of heavy smoking.

He joined the band in 1958 after responding to a small ad placed by Dave Clark. He would be a key member of the band during its hey-day with hits such as Glad All Over and Bits and Pieces, until it split in 1970. He would go on to work for Dartford-based amplifier manufacturers Vox.

ART

Mike Leigh directs JMW Turner film

RENOWNED artist JMW Turner is to be the focus of a new movie by acclaimed director Mike Leigh.

And in order to develop inspiration for the big screen production, Mr Leigh has paid a visit to the Turner Contemporary gallery in Margate – which is named after, and displays a number of works by, the artist.

The film is to star Timothy Spall – best known for his roles in Secrets & Lies and the Harry Potter films as Peter Pettigrew – who will portray the artist whose landscapes and seascapes of Kent elevated him into art's elite.

Mr Leigh said: "Turner as a character is compelling. I want to explore the man, his working life, his relationships and how he lived. But what fascinates me most is the drama that lies in the tension between this driven eccentric and the epic, timeless world he evoked in his masterpieces."

DIRECTOR: Mike Leigh

The production, which remains untitled, will be co-financed by Focus Features International, the British Film Institute and Film4.

News of the film has been met with excitement at the Turner Contemporary.

Director Victoria Pomery said: "We've known for a while about the production of this film and are thrilled it is being made. Turner is one of the nation's most popular painters."

Ms Pomery also revealed that the director had been in contact with the gallery.

"Mike Leigh attended the opening of our Turner and The Elements exhibition last year. There is a huge public appetite for art and JMW Turner had an amazing and eventful life."

Alison Thompson, co-president of Focus Features International, added: "We're looking forward to this new venture with Mike, whose unique style and storytelling is bound to deliver a compelling and beautiful film."

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POLITICS

Can red rose ever take root here again?

SPECIAL REPORT: Labour may lead the opinion polls, but in Kent the landscape has never been more true blue. But as **Marijke Cox** and **Nick Ames** exclusively reveal, Ed Miliband has a plan...

LABOUR Party leader Ed Miliband is drawing up a battle plan in a bid to gain his party a foothold once more in the county's Tory dominated political landscape.

Shadow chancellor Ed Balls revealed to this newspaper that plans were already being drawn up to make Kent a priority target as they look to break the Coalition's hold on power when the nation heads to the polls for the General Election in 2015.

However, for many it faces a near impossible task. The party has no MPs in the county and control of only one of Kent's 13 district or borough councils.

When the nation last went to the polls in 2010, Labour's foothold in the county – established during Tony Blair's 1997 landslide – was washed away with the loss of seven MPs.

Instead it became almost entirely dominated both at Westminster and in town halls across the county by the Conservative Party.

But with a strong lead in current opinion polls, Labour's leadership say they can sense blood.

Mr Balls said two seats – Dover and Deal, and Chatham and Aylesford – were now their main targets, although he stressed there were no "no-go" areas.

He said he would be taking a "personal interest" in the Dover seat, which was lost by Labour MP Gwyn Prosser in 2010, to Charlie Elphicke.

Mr Balls said: "It is a big problem for Labour that we have no Kent MPs, but that fact is also a problem for Kent. Dover, Medway and Thanet have all had Labour members in recent years and we want to build on that."

But Tory MP Charlie Elphicke hit back at Mr Balls' confidence: "There's no point looking to him or his party for any answers or solutions.

"Whether Labour is dead in Kent is a matter for the voters to decide."

Even the more optimistic Labour supporter will question whether the party is capable of turning such a strong tide.

During the 2010 election campaign, big hitters such as the then-Prime Minister Gordon Brown made visits to the county in a bid to bolster campaigns, but it failed to work with voters turning their backs on the party.

In the last election, the Conservatives gained seats in Chatham and Aylesford, Dartford, Dover and Deal, and Gillingham and Rainham.

They also won in Sittingbourne and Sheppey, Rochester and Strood, and Thanet South.

In these seats Tory candidates replaced sitting Labour MPs, but with boundary changes since the 2007 election the constituencies already technically had Conservative majorities.

A key opportunity to gauge Labour's recovery so far will be in May, when the county council elections take place,

The current political make-up of County Hall is dominated by more than 70 Tory seats compared to just three for Labour. It presents a clear sign of the scale of the problem Labour faces.

Mike Eddy, Dover councillor and former Labour leader at Kent County Council – who lost his seat in 2009 – said the party was at an all time low in 2009/10 when the Tories took the majority of the seats at KCC.

He said: "Voters were fed up, but I think what really did the damage was the expenses scandal; Labour was blamed for allowing that to happen.

"Whether that's right or not is immaterial – we were in charge when the expenses scandal broke.

"The economic situation was also deepening at that time. Everybody wanted to blame Gordon Brown. People's voting decisions are less determined by the local party and instead by what the party is doing as a whole.

"We would certainly expect to radically improve our performance in the next county council elections. We've taken back Gravesham Borough Council and Thanet has a Labour leadership, which shows positive movement.

"We'll take some seats back in the General Election; how many, I wouldn't like to say."

But while Labour is gearing up for a fight, others believe Kent will stick to its traditional blue roots.

Veteran Tory MP Julian Brazier, who represents Canterbury, said he felt the county would always be leaning to the right politically.

He explained: "I think it would be over-confident to say it will be blue forever, but I feel the majority of people in the county realise if we want to compete as a country we can't go back to the Labour policies of big spending, high tax and high borrowing," he said.

The Electoral Calculus uses opinion polls and boundary changes to calculate the winners of individual UK seats.

Its latest findings suggest Labour prospective parliamentary candidate Clair Hawkins would win Dover, gaining 46 per cent of the vote.

Ms Hawkins said: "The economy is flatlining, there is high unemployment, few opportunities and little hope. But we still need to rebuild trust in our party, both in Dover and Deal and further across Kent."

Along with Dover, the other targeted seat for Labour is Chatham and Aylesford where Tristan Osborne is looking to overturn a 6,069 majority held by Tracey Crouch.

Again the Electoral Calculus is in favour of his chances, although only slightly.

He said: "I am optimistic about our prospects. We are ahead in the opinion polls, I have a good organisation behind me and this Government is split and dithering."

Rising star within the Tory ranks, Mark Reckless, is predicted to retain his Rochester and Strood seat.

He said: "In order to mount any sort of comeback Labour needs to accept it got things wrong such as spending and borrowing, as well as losening its grip on immigration."

Despite Labour's pledge to challenge the Tories, the party was recently dealt a blow after one of its future high hopes defected to Ukip.

Angharad Yeo – the daughter of Labour stalwart Harriet Yeo – missed out on selection for Labour in an upcoming by-election for Ashford Borough Council. She then defected and is now contesting the same election for Ukip.

Harriet Yeo stood as the Labour candidate in the Police and Crime Commissioner race and is vice chair of Labour's National Executive Committee, as well as a serving borough councillor in Ashford.

Her daughter, 34, said: "I'd been campaigning for Labour since I was 17, but I started to realise nothing was being done. Labour is especially wary of tackling subjects such as immigration.

"The party has become stagnant."

Her mother Harriet said: "She feels strongly about a referendum on Europe and thinks this is the best way to achieve this.

"I think we should have a referendum too, however I'm sticking with Labour, I've invested more years in the party than her.

"I'm a mother first and then a politician so I'm very proud of her."

Ukip leader Nigel Farage, from Westerham, said it wasn't just right-wing parties defecting to the party.

"What her defection shows is despite national media showing Tories moving to support Ukip, we're actually getting support from across the spectrum.

"We're delighted to have her."

■ **What do you think? Can Labour ever mount a comeback in Kent? Share your views. Write to: The Editor, KoS, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS. Or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.**

SCALE OF LABOUR'S FIGHT

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Conservative 71
Lib Dems 7
Labour 3
Ukip 1
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Medway Council members:
Conservative 35
Labour 15
Lib Dems 3
Independent 2

MPs:
Conservative 17
Labour 0
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FOOD

Butcher fears horsemeat imports scandal will continue to escalate

Exclusive by Nick Ames
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MORE revelations could be on the way to further hit the beleaguered meat industry, according to a leading Kent butcher.

Family business JC Rook & Sons has 13 stores across the county and has been trading locally-sourced produce for 48 years.

And it says it has cashed in this month as shoppers turn their backs on supermarkets tainted by selling beef products contaminated with horsemeat.

Director Christopher Rook said he was stunned when the news broke: "I was very surprised when I heard what was taking place within our industry.

"The supermarkets make such a big play on how they check and double check supplies. Then you have something like this. It affects sellers, suppliers and abattoirs and it's implying that we, as an industry, are dishonest.

"I don't think we have heard the half of it, to be honest.

"You can get dragged into it as a business. But we have always used locally-sourced produce where possible. Our lamb and beef; it comes from Kent."

Mr Rook said he has seen an increase in trade in his stores and expects that to continue over the short and medium term.

He said: "Lots of people are talking about this issue when they shop with us.

"It will be interesting to see what happens regarding the price of beef. If it suddenly rises that will be an indication of how much foreign produce is going into processed meat."

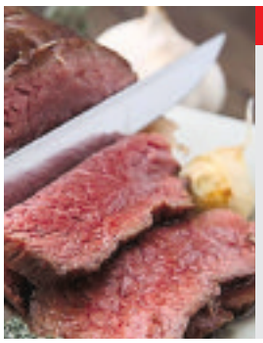
Mr Rook's wife Julie, who is also on Kent County Council, added: "Because we make everything ourselves we know what ingredients go into our sausages and pies.

"The problem with supermarkets is that they want everything as cheaply as possible to maximise profits and so squeeze the producers to a point where they have to start cutting corners to keep supplying at the prices offered."

Local food producers are more accountable when it comes to supplies said Edwyn Martin, manager of Produced in Kent which promotes the county's growers.

He said: "Locally-sourced food and drink contribute significantly to long-term food security and food safety but more can be done.

"Agriculture should play a full and recognised role in the life of the nation. Buying local is good for the economy, good for the environment and good for you."



SCHOOL DINNERS CHECKED BY COUNCIL

In the aftermath of the revelations, an investigation ensured that horsemeat is not being served at any of the schools in which catering takes place under Kent County Council's remit.

Of 600 schools across the county, 230 use KCC's contracted suppliers – all five of which have confirmed their meat sources are uncontaminated after being contacted by council officers.

KCC emphasised that very little processed meat is on its school menus and most served is fresh.

In Medway individual schools are responsible for catering.

The Food Standards Agency has launched a programme to investigate where products contaminated with horsemeat have been distributed. Tests for horse DNA are being carried out on processed beef products – including in schools, hospitals and care homes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Taste of Kent winners

JUDGES of the county's foremost food and drink awards have completed their deliberations ahead of the winners being announced next month.

Presentation of the Taste of Kent Awards, organised by local food champions Produced in Kent, will take place at the Mercure Great Danes Hotel near Maidstone on March 8.

One of the judges, James Beatton, said: "The standard of entries was incredibly high."

Free ticket ballot ends

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MCFLY, Peter Andre, Gareth Gates and X Factor stars Matt Cardle and Joe McElderry will be among the big names appearing at the Music on the Hill festival line-up this summer.

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POLITICS

Concern cap on care funding could be finished before it has begun unless date set for reforms

By Marijke Cox
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CAMPAIGNERS fighting for fairer funding for elderly care have demanded ministers set a date for when radical reforms will come into force.

They warn the Government's predicted timeframe of four years could mean plans thrown out in 2015, if another party comes into power following the General Election,

This week, ministers set out plans for long-term funding, including a cap on care costs of £75,000 – more than double the amount suggested by the Dilnot Commission.

Recommendations were for a cap of £35,000, meaning an individual would pay for their own care up to this total – possibly funded by an insurance policy taken out while still in work – and once they have contributed this amount would be eligible for state support.

But instead the cap has been set far higher with critics warning it would not stop the crisis of elderly people having to sell their homes to pay for care.

Andrew Dilnot, who led the commission, said it was "higher than we would have wanted".

Another major reform involves the means-tested support threshold increasing from £23,250.

Currently, anyone with assets more than that amount has to bear the cost of their own care. But ministers have now set out proposals to raise this to £123,000.

Campaigners welcomed the move, but criticised the Government for its failure to commit to a date for the plan to come into force.

Kent County Council leader Paul Carter has been pushing for some form of commitment that recommendations are implemented by 2015, launching a government e-petition calling for a debate on the matter.

Pauline Turner, who lives in Cliftonville, has thrown her weight behind the drive, saying a date needs to be set. Her mother suffered from Alzheimer's and went into a care home after the illness reached the point where she needed round-the-clock support.

The placement cost almost £20,000 a year and she had to put her house on the market, which was eventually sold at a much lower price due to pressure of care fee debt.

When she died, this amounted to £100,000.

"It's not moving very fast; I'm hoping the reforms are going to be implemented sooner than 2017," she said.

"If Labour win the General Election in 2015, then the plans could be thrown out and started again. They haven't said whether or not there is cross-party support on this.

"Leaving it until 2017 will just mean more elderly people having to sell their homes."

The 68-year-old said while she welcomed the change in threshold, she thought the £75,000 cap was "too high".

"I'm very worried about the elderly. We're not only seeing problems with care funding, but there are cuts to adult social care at Kent County Council.

"What impact is this going to have on people?

"There seems to be no firm commitment to help elderly people."

■ **To sign the e-petition go to http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/43330.**

CAMPAIGNER: KCC's Paul Carter

CARTER CALLED FOR CUTS

KCC leader Paul Carter had demanded the Government cut foreign aid and EU budgets and divert funds to elderly people to stop them having to sell their homes to pay for care.

He said the current funding system was "not up to the job" and insisted the crisis be resolved.

These latest reforms will cost £1 billion to implement, funded by a freeze on the inheritance tax threshold at £325,000 by three years from 2015/16.

Health secretary Jeremy Hunt called it a "watershed moment" for the country.

"These historic reforms will give everyone the protection they want in their old age and save the family home," he said.

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WILDLIFE

Foxes need educating not culling, says animal welfare expert as baby attack reopens debate

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A SAVAGE attack on a four-week-old baby has reignited the debate over whether there should be a widespread cull of foxes in the UK.

A fox had entered the boy's home in Bromley and tried to drag him out before his parents intervened, but not before the animal had severed one of the child's fingers (see box).

As the boy continues to recover in hospital, discussion has once again returned to whether it is time something is done about the apparent rise in the number of urban foxes, lured to our towns by food and shelter.

Opponents of such a move, however, say such a move would achieve nothing.

They argue that "40 years of killing" between 1940-80 in London has had little impact on the species and that it would be no different now.

Educating society in how to deter foxes, they said, was the only way to tackle the problem.

John Bryant, who runs Tonbridge-based Humane Urban Wildlife Deterrence, said if the animal is culled in urban areas, countryside foxes will simply move into the empty lairs.

He said: "Foxes are everywhere; they are in the Kent countryside, the Welsh mountains, Downing Street – if foxes are removed, more will just move in.

"They will go into houses if you leave a door open, they will go into food larders. They are scavengers.

"And if opted for a cull what could you do? You couldn't spread a disease because foxes are canines and it could spread to dogs. Or would you mass poison?

"No-one wants to see a whole species of wild animal wiped out.

"Boris Johnson said something needs to be done and the automatic reaction is 'there needs to be a cull'.

"What needs to happen is people need to be educated in how to deter foxes and this will educate foxes."

Mr Bryant said people should be careful when putting rubbish out, to pick up fallen fruit from the garden, not to leave scraps of food outside and to secure caged animals such as chickens, guinea pigs and rabbits.

"Foxes are scavengers, if they are able to take these animals away it's as easy for them as going to Tesco," he said.

"It's the responsibility of the owners to make sure their animals are secure."

Mr Bryant says he educates foxes rather than harms them.

He said: "For example, I'll install a system that sprays water when a fox goes near. They quickly learn where they can and can't go."

The RSPCA also added its support against a cull, stating that attacks on humans were "extremely rare".

But Bromley councillor Tim Stevens said urban foxes were a "big problem".

He said: "There could be a case for a limited cull of foxes, it depends on making sure all the boroughs, and indeed the neighbouring boroughs from Kent and Surrey, get together."

London Mayor Boris Johnson said the latest attack needed to serve as a "wake-up call" to councils responsible for pest control.

What do you think? Join the debate. Write to: The Editor, KoS, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS. Or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.

Little Dennie recovers in hospital after trauma

BABY Dennie Dolan (pictured) was savaged by a fox at his Bromley home last week.

His mother walked in after hearing screams to see the baby's arm in the jaws of the fox's mouth.

His hand was so badly bitten one of his fingers was severed although surgeons were able to reattach it.

It comes almost three years after nine-month-old twins Lola and Isabella Koupparis were mauled by a fox in east London. Both girls suffered arm injuries and one had facial

SCAVENGER: There have been calls to cull urban foxes after Bromley attack

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POWER

For first time since 9/11 public are invited back inside nuclear station

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FOR more than a decade the doors to Dungeness Power Station have remained firmly closed to the public.

Hundreds of workers go in and out each day, but for everyone else it is a no-go area.

All of which only adds to the eeriness of Dungeness and its secretive nuclear plant, which looms up from the misty shingle banks.

But it hasn't always been this way.

Its information centre was once a popular destination for both inquisitive tourists and school trips – offering the chance to get a glimpse into a power source both feared and revered by recent generations.

But following the terrorist attacks on New York in 2001, security was stepped up, and the centre closed.

Fears over security, as well as the risk of a natural disaster such as an earthquake – as seen with devastating effect at the Fukushima power plant in Japan, two years ago – meant EDF Energy, which runs the plant, remained extra cautious about allowing public entry to the site.

But 12 years have passed and the restrictions have been lifted and with it, the opening of a new learning centre.

Station manager Martin Pearson said EDF had carried out a review as to how it could open the facility to the public again.

"There were security concerns after 9/11 so the visitor centre was closed. Then there was Fukushima," he said.

"They are very different events. In terms of 9/11, security has been enhanced. I'm not able to say more than that.

"With Fukushima, we know we can't have an earthquake of that magnitude here but we looked at what if we did. What's the worst situation and can we deal with it? We found that we have appropriate measures in place."

In March 2011, an earthquake measuring 8.9 on the Richter scale triggered a destructive 14 metre tsunami and subsequent explosions at the Fukushima nuclear power plant, claiming close to 20,000 lives across the east coast of Japan.

FACT FILE

Construction of the Dungeness site started in 1966 and the plant first started producing power in 1983.

It employs more than 550 EDF staff and 200 contract workers, contributes £30 million to the local economy every year and produces enough power to supply 1.5m homes.

Dungeness A has been decommissioned and Dungeness B is earmarked for closure in 2018 although this could be extended until 2023 and possibly longer.

The plant was outlined for expansion in April 2009, with plans for the development of Dungeness C, but the then-Labour Government removed it from the list citing environmental reasons and concerns over coastal erosion.

Folkestone MP Damian Collins has campaigned to have this decision reversed.

Dungeness is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest and is Britain's only desert.

While an earthquake of that magnitude is unlikely here, Folkestone, near Dungeness, was hit by a tremor in 2007 measuring 4.3 on the Richter scale followed by a smaller quake in 2009.

Mr Pearson continued: "EDF carried out a review as to what we could do to open up a centre – being closed is against the transparency policy."

The new learning centre will allow the public, including school children, to get a glimpse behind the scenes of the nuclear power station.

As well as an exhibition area, lecture room and training area, groups can book site tours.

He said. "It's particularly poignant as this year is the 30th anniversary of Dungeness' service in low carbon generation. We haven't even advertised the learning centre yet and we've already got schools calling up interested in coming in.

"This is a chance to see behind the scenes of a nuclear power station. It may encourage young people to look at a career in science, technology and engineering."

SITE: Learning centre to reopen at Dungeness

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MORTALITY: There were 238 more deaths than expected at Medway NHS Foundation Trust in 2011, putting it among the worst in England

HEALTH

NHS merger put on hold as high death rates are tackled

By Marijke Cox
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A PLANNED merger between two NHS trusts has been put on hold in the wake of revelations over high death rates.

Medway NHS Foundation Trust, which runs Medway Maritime Hospital in Gillingham, was due to merge with Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust.

But concerns over high mortality rates at the Medway trust has seen plans temporarily halted.

It is one of nine in the country to be investigated following the damning report into the Stafford Hospital scandal, where hundreds are thought to have died due to poor care.

Ministers on the NHS Commissioning Board revealed it would be launching a probe after figures in 2011 found the Medway trust had 1,745 deaths in a year – 238 more than expected.

A Medway trust spokesman confirmed they had requested a temporary pause of the assessment by Monitor – the regulator of NHS foundation trusts – into the proposed integration with Dartford and Gravesham.

They added: "The trust recognises it needs time and space to fully focus on the National Commissioning Board (NCB) review on Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratios (HSMR) and ensure integration is based on solid foundations.

"The trust has already made progress against its own plan to drive down HSMR and welcomes the NCB review.

"It is understood this national process is likely to take three to four months. When the NCB review timeline is clearer, the trusts will be better able to estimate a time for resuming the Monitor process. The Medway trust board has agreed to consider requesting reinstatement of the formal integration process no earlier than June 2013."

NHS medical director, Sir Bruce Keogh, will lead the probe into mortality rates at the Medway trust.

Death rates are calculated by looking at the number of people expected to die when taking into account the age and disease statistics of the local population.

The trust came in the bottom 12 of all 145 English hospital trusts at the end of last year. But it said it is doing all it can to ensure patient care.

An NHS spokesman said: "Over the past 10 years, the trust's mortality rates have been steadily decreasing despite it seeing significantly more patients but its HSMR remains higher than the national standard. Quality of care and treatment is paramount at Medway and many quality of care markers show the trust is delivering good standards.

"Incidences of pressure ulcers and falls in hospital are in line with or better than national rates, and continue to improve, and infection rates are some of the lowest in the south of England.

"As part of ongoing investment in patient safety, in October 2012 we invested in extending the critical care outreach team to improve the response to deteriorating patients 24/7."

Sir Bruce said the purpose of his investigation was to assure patients, public and Parliament that the hospitals under scrutiny understand why they have a high mortality rate and have all the support they need to improve.

"This will be a rigorous process, involving patients, clinicians, regulators and local organisations," he added.

The other eight trusts are: North Cumbria University Hospitals; United Lincolnshire Hospitals; George Eliot Hospital; Buckinghamshire Healthcare; Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Hospitals; the Dudley Group; Sherwood Forest Hospitals and Burton Hospitals.

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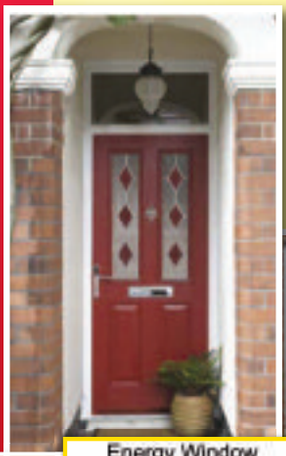

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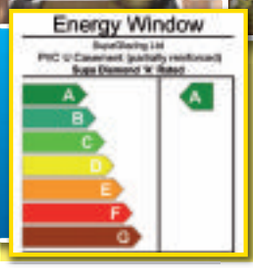

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EVENT

Jessie J and Plan B top the bill at star-studded Sound Island Festival

By Joe Bill
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A HOST of big names from the pop world were this week confirmed to headline the Sound Island Festival in Thanet this summer.

The popular two-day event will see headliners Jessie J – recently a judge on BBC One talent show The Voice – and rapper turned movie star Plan B.

The event takes place in the grounds of Quex Park in Birchington.

On Saturday, July 27, soul singer, screenwriter, director and rapper Plan B will top the bill ahead of special guest performances from Rita Ora as well as the 2012 X Factor winner James Arthur.

On Sunday, July 28, boy bands Lawson and X Factor finalists Union J will perform on the bill topped by chart-topper Jessie J.

The line-up is considered to be far more pop orientated than last year's event which saw a throwback to the days of Britpop on the Saturday, with a line-up which included the likes of the Inspiral Carpets, James, Cast, The Farm and Echo & The Bunnymen.

In previous years, artists such as Madness, the Pussycat Dolls, and X Factor's JLS and Olly Murs have all starred at the venue.

A Sound Island Festival organiser said: "We felt the demand to see artists who are 'hot right now' justifies extending that sound over the two days to create a more contemporary feeling to the festival, but retaining Saturday's edgier feel with Plan B, Rita Ora and James Arthur."

Tickets are on sale now and available from the box office on 0871 224 1112, website: www.gigantic.com or from Margate Winter Gardens.

TUNED IN: Rita Ora (left) will join headline acts Jessie J (top) and rapper Plan B (below) at this year's Sound Island Festival at Quex

No repeat of queue woes

ORGANISERS have vowed to resolve some problems which dogged last year's event.

Small bar areas resulted in huge queues and waiting times of more than an hour to buy drinks.

A festival spokesman said: "I understand there were a few complaints about the set up of the drinks bars and food vendors last year, resulting in massive queues and emergency procedures brought in.

"Obviously, as with all big music events, some queuing is inevitable, but last year's problem was a one-off in a long history of running the Sound Island Festival and was caused on the first day only by a logistical problem which meant our full allocation of bars did not arrive in time.

"We're fully aware of the situation and certain we will not have that same issue reoccur."

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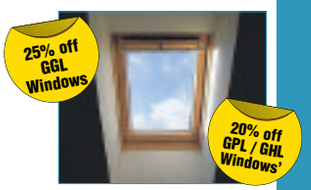

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FILM

A summer spent in splendid isolation

Chris Britcher reports on David Wise who lived alone for six weeks on an island off Medway Estuary

FOR most of us, the summer of 2012 was all about the excitement of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

For David Wise, however, it was about six weeks of living on a deserted island in the middle of the Medway Estuary during one of the wettest summers on record.

And now he's completed a film of his experience, a travelogue he recorded during his time on Darnet Ness, off Hoo, using a pinhole camera made from driftwood and a handheld video camera.

The feature-length film, Otherness: Forty Five Days on the Isle of Beauty, is now available to view online in its entirety.

The 44-year-old artist said: "The Isle of Beauty of the title was actually the name of a pub that used to operate on the island in the 19th century, when the estuary was alive with cement and brickworks.

"The pub would have been just 100 metres from where my tent was pitched and its name sums up perfectly how I feel about Darnet.

"It really is a beautiful island, a jewel in the middle of the Medway.

"My intention was to survive on fishing, and plants I'd gathered from the island, but I quickly learnt that although catching sea bass was easy if you had the right bait, I didn't actually like taking life. From then on I lived on basic supplies I'd brought with me like rice and lentils, to which I added plants I found on the island.

VIEW THE FILM...

The film, Otherness: Forty Five Days on the Isle of Beauty, will soon be accompanied by an illustrated book published in May by Kent publisher Hakim & Slater. To view the film, for free, visit www.davewise.biz.

"At the end of my time there I found that I'd dropped a few pounds in weight and was healthier than ever.

"I'd recommend making wild food a part of your diet to everyone."

Occasionally taking his canoe out and exploring the estuary as far as Sheerness, he would sometimes go as far as Redskin Bay, home to a large seal colony.

"When I was on the island a seal would come past and stay just offshore every second or third day, so she became interesting company, and the Victorian fort that dominates the island was home to a barn owl, who kept the island rats in check.

"I didn't get as lonely as I thought I would. Friends visited occasionally, I kept myself physically busy with a daily gymnastic routine and a lot of beachcombing, and I spent time writing an in-depth journal.

"One day I even swam the two-kilometre channel between the mainland and the island, it was lovely and warm; the River Medway is a fantastic and much underrated spot for wild swimming."

The film captures the atmosphere on the island, meeting the seal, and a gale force wind which scared Mr Wise's dog so much she swam back to the mainland,

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News

RELIGION

Support from county's Catholic leaders after Pope's shock departure

By Chris Murphy
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WHEN the Vatican confirmed on Monday morning that Pope Benedict XVI was to step down at the end of the month, the news was greeted with almost universal shock.

No Pope had resigned for more than 600 years, and there had been no hints over his decision in the days leading up to the announcement.

Unsurprisingly, Catholics across Kent greeted the news with amazement.

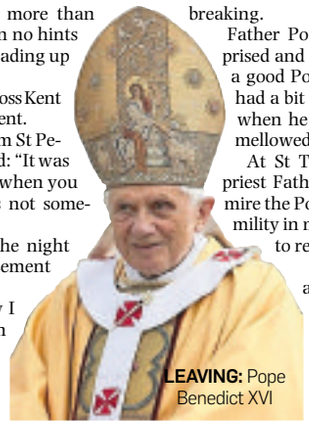
Father Geoffrey Pointer, from St Peter's Church in Maidstone, said: "It was a good job I was sitting down when you told me. A Pope resigning is not something that usually happens.

"I saw him on television the night before he made the announcement and he looked a bit drawn.

"He is fairly old and I know I would not have want to go on that long."

The 85-year-old became Pope Benedict XVI in April 2005, following the death of John Paul II. He confirmed his decision to resign was as a result of his declining health.

At 78, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was one of the oldest new popes in history when elected. He took the helm as one of the fiercest storms the Catholic Church has faced in decades – the scandal of child sex abuse by priests – was breaking.


LEAVING: Pope Benedict XVI

Father Pointer added: "I am a bit surprised and I am a little sad really. He was a good Pope, given his track record. He had a bit of a reputation as a Rottweiler when he was in another office, but he mellowed and we all got to love him."

At St Thomas of Canterbury, parish priest Father David Caine, added: "I admire the Pope's wisdom, courage and humility in making this important decision to retire.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with him now, and a certain sadness, as well as our gratitude for his immense contribution to the Catholic Church during his pontificate, and wish him every happiness in his retirement."

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Decision shows sacred calling should not be life sentence

Comment

BY PROFESSOR ROGER GILL

THE unexpected news this week was the announcement the Pope is to resign at the end of the month.

It is six centuries since any Pope has resigned and most of us had assumed Pope Benedict would die in office, like his many predecessors.

All of which begs the question, is he wrong to make this decision?

Monarchs and popes have long assumed theirs is a sacred office which must be held until death. They are called by God to hold office and must do so until they die.

Abdication has usually been regarded as shameful.

Some previous Archbishops of Canterbury in the past held a similar conviction.

Frederick Temple, for example, became archbishop in 1896 when, like Pope Benedict, he was already in his late 70s. He died six years later, still in office.

Remarkably, as a young man he was one of the earliest supporters of Charles Darwin.

His son, William Temple, also became Archbishop of Canterbury and he too died in office having been archbishop for less than three years.

However, there was a crucial difference between father and son.

William was only 63 when he died in 1944. The Church of England had already set a pattern of appointing younger men to be archbishop and, in the event, William was the last archbishop to die in office.

All of his successors, like Rowan Williams, who is still only 63, have retired from the position.

Is this progress? I think it is.

The greatest worry about office-for-life is that those appointed may became severely incapacitated.

King George III, as everyone knows, lost mental capacity for long periods in the latter part of his lengthy reign. So in effect he was king only in name during these periods. Others were acting for him.

Queen Victoria also became very reclusive in the latter part of her reign.

Pope Benedict is a highly intelligent man. He also watched his predecessor becoming gradually more and more incapacitated towards the end of his long time as Pope.

Perhaps he reached the decision then that popes should be allowed to retire if this happens.

After all he was himself one of the key decision-makers when Pope John Paul was becoming increasingly frail.

Two further points: people are living longer and longer.

Is it reasonable, then, to expect anyone today, whether pope or monarch, to remain in office until death?

The longer we live, the more this sounds like a life sentence rather than a sacred calling.

And secondly, in a world of 24-hour news, monarchs, popes and archbishops are subject to constant criticism.

Pope Benedict has not escaped. He has been accused – fairly or unfairly – of anti-Semitism and covering up clerical sex-abuse.

Now well into his 80s, he must find this deeply burdensome.

So, I think his decision to retire is wise and godly.

Robin Gill is professor of applied theology at the University of Kent. Professor Gill has written extensively on Christian ethics and on relationships between theology and sociology.

CHOOSING A NEW LEADER

THE College of Cardinals, the Catholic Church's most senior figures, will be summoned to the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican to decide on who will become the new Pope.

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CRIME

Teens murder charge

TWO teenagers have been charged with the murder of a 28-year-old from Gillingham on New Year's Day.

David Young, of Beatty Avenue, was stabbed in the thigh in the early hours of January 1 in Windmill Road. He died four days later in Medway Maritime Hospital.

A 17-year-old from Rochester, who cannot be named for legal reasons, and Stuart Porter, 18, of Buttermere Close in Gillingham, will appear in court on March 21 charged with murder.

CRASH

Death after M25 pile-up

A MOTORIST died after a lorry and three cars were involved in a pile-up on the M25 on Wednesday.

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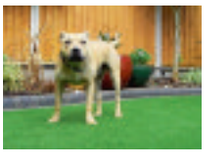

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With free parking, a bar and café and entertainment for the children too, it's the first step towards an action-packed, fun-filled year – and tickets to the show are free (see box to secure yours today).

Taking place at Dover Cruise Terminal on Saturday, March 9, the show features an exciting line-up of exhibitors, including heritage sites, holiday operators, transport companies and tourist boards. Visitors will be able to get the latest news and exclusive money-saving offers on some of the best attractions for 2013.

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OPINION

Vital issue we must all warm to

Graham Gibbens highlights that being able to keep warm in winter can be the difference between life and death for our most vulnerable

YOU may well have noticed the Keep Warm Keep Well campaign being advertised around the county during the last few weeks.

If you haven't, it's well worth taking a look.

The idea is to provide information to people who are more at risk in the colder, winter weather.

While this might not be thought of as dramatic work, it can have a particularly important impact on the health and well-being of some of the county's more vulnerable people.

I'm particularly conscious that while many of us have started looking forward to spring, the latest cold snap – and forecasts of more to come – will leave many older people anxious about their heating bills, as well as their ability to get out and about.

We know that for those who are over 70, or who have existing heart or lung problems, the risks that come with cold weather can be particularly significant.

At the risk of sounding melodramatic, spending more than two hours at 12°C raises blood pressure and increases the risk of heart disease and stroke, while being exposed to cold temperatures can lead to an increased risk of bronchitis, pneumonia and other viruses.

In fact, for every degree the temperature drops below 18°C, deaths in the UK go up by nearly 1.5%.

That is why the Keep Warm Keep Well campaign has been so important.

Late last year, Kent County Council got together with the NHS in Kent in an attempt to draw attention to the risks and help people to find out what help is available.

Keep Warm Keep Well, as a campaign, was designed to get information and advice to those who need it – and encourage family and friends to look out for older and vulnerable people who need someone to look out for them during the colder months.

Through organisations called Home Improvement Agencies, more than 300 visits have been made across the county to those in need with anything from blankets to boiler checks.

And the NHS has done a great job providing advice and services in the county's doctors surgeries and hospitals – including some fantastic information cards that double up as room thermometers.

It's also been really good to see some of our young people helping spread the message.

Pupils at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls and at St Simon Stock School have filmed experiments to help show how important it is to wear warm clothing, both indoors and out.

And there are pages on the Kent County Council website – which can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/winter – that provide information about staying well at home.

All this work is being done to help those who could be at risk

All this work is going on because something can be done to help those who could otherwise be at risk.

So, even as we get further into the new year, I would ask all of those involved in supporting family, friends and neighbours to stay alert to the risks right through until the spring takes hold.

And, indeed, I hope we can repeat some of this year's fantastic work when next winter comes around.

For now, even as the brighter days are calling, I would simply urge everyone to look out for those around them who might still be vulnerable this winter.

■ Graham Gibbens is the cabinet member for adult social care and public health at Kent County Council.

KOS COMMENT

Why democracy needs a wide range of colours

IT WOULD be a brave soul to suggest the political make-up of the county is going to be anything other than true blue for generations to come.

The county has been a staunch Tory heartland for so long now, it is hard to see how that will ever change - despite the occasional splash of red or yellow.

But regardless of your politics, the Conservative domination of the county, however much it may be supported, is so suffocating there is a strong argument to suggest it stiffles debate; that it has a negative impact on promoting the healthy democracy in the corridors of power, which is only achieved by a diversity of opinions and ideas. All of which Kent deserves and needs to represent and serve us all.

Source meat locally

WHAT started as a bit of a joke has rapidly become an international scandal. The horsemeat fiasco shows no signs of slowing, but it does offer one solution. If food provenance is important to you, the simple solution is to buy local.

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Gay rights chip at cornerstone

CONGRATULATIONS to Graham Wanstall of Dover for his excellent article (KoS letters, 03/02).

I agree gay marriage is unnatural and that the wishes of a very vocal minority are being imposed on the majority of us in an undemocratic way.

Marriage between a man and a woman is one of the cornerstones of our society and predates both the Church and the state. Neither of these institutions has the right to alter its meaning in such a fundamental way.

Last week's vote in the House of Commons, with more than half of the Conservative MPs failing to support the bill, demonstrates the strength of feeling about the issue.

I urge all readers who do not support gay marriage to keep up the pressure on their MP.

Malcolm Coates, Maidstone

Can we please drop subject?

I AM sick of reading about gays – and now a university academic has criticised David Attenborough's wildlife shows for not featuring enough gay animals.

Dr Brett Mills of the University of East Anglia says wildlife documentaries should be offering viewers a wider perspective on animal behaviour.

Who cares what sexual preferences they have?

What I do object to is the way it's continually put into the news by people who should allow us all to quietly live our lives.

John R. O'Neon, Folkestone

Just pleasing the minority

YET again our MPs vote according to their own wishes, not those of their electors.

We have a new generation of tyrants hurling playground taunts at those disagreeing with their views, trying to close down any debate.

They try to show us how wonderful, caring, modern and 'with it' they are by acceding to all demands made by minorities, while happily ignoring the wishes of the persecuted majority.

Flushed with recent successes, I wonder what else minorities have on their wish lists, all of which must be allowed unless we are to appear 'bigoted' and 'narrow minded'.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Working class deserve break

I WAS reading last week's story on the free nightclub entry for those who could produce a payslip, and could not help but comment on the local politician's views.

How can she say it is discrimination when the working-class population are taxed to the hilt by this Government?

Someone unemployed has long been more favourable than someone working.

Discounts have been enjoyed by the unemployed for years; council tax, free school meals, the list goes on.

So why, when someone is doing something good for the working class, can she jump up and say discrimination?

This is offering something back to the working class who otherwise might not be able to afford a night out on normal prices, whereas those on benefits seem to frequent the pubs day and night.

I hope this is the start of benefits available to those that actually work for a living.

John Potter, by email

Let's get this out in the open

I SUPPORT a debate into the future of Kent County Council and our district councils.

Little has changed since the substitution of committee systems with cabinet structures more than a decade ago. Tinkering with corporate governance may have marginally improved councillors' abilities to have an impact, but fundamental reforms are long overdue.

Councillor Simon Cook is right to highlight the management duplication and potential reduction in costs with fewer councillors if KCC was replaced by two unitary authorities in east and west Kent.

There is no reason why unitary authorities cannot come up with groundbreaking initiatives and although larger bodies might throw a weightier punch, there is also a far greater potential for expensive mistakes.

There are pros and cons, but let's have a meaningful debate with full weight being given to the views of residents.

Not a debate held behind closed doors with teams of expensive consultants followed by a 'consultation' with the outcome already built in.

Terry Cload (former KCC councillor), Pembury

Kill two birds with new flats

WHY keep waiting for the company who bought the Tunbridge Wells cinema site?

It has stood empty for more than 10 years already.

Why not turn it into flats so as to bring the housing waiting list down. I know it will be costly in the long run, but the council will get their money back on the rent.

PEH Coley, Tunbridge Wells

Cyclists need to get priority

AS ONE of Terry Hudson's published opponents, I thank him for his congratulations (KoS letters, February 10).

I am ready to congratulate him too on combining the proposal to build HS2, the introduction of 20mph speed limits, the encouragement of cycle lanes and equating David Cameron to Mao Tse-tung, all in one letter.

I do, however, happen to agree with him about HS2.

I think that it is David Cameron's vanity project and if it ever goes ahead will end up costing far more than predicted, as government projects always do, and once up and running will not deliver anything like the alleged benefits predicted.

But I have to (once again) disagree with Mr Hudson regarding cycle lanes.

Cyclists are a vulnerable group on our roads, so anything that can be done to make the roads safer for them should be welcomed; and if that means motorists have to slow down to accommodate them that is no bad thing.

It's a pity Mr Hudson seems to have the attitude car drivers should take precedence over every other road user. The fact is we could walk before we could cycle and we could cycle before we could drive cars.

So, following the same principle as marine vessels of 'sail before steam', motorists should be giving way to pedestrians, cyclists, etc. Most of us don't have a problem with that. Can Mr Hudson say the same?

Christopher Hudson-Gool, Maidstone

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Historic gospels play key role in ceremony

By Nick Ames
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WHEN the eyes of millions fall upon the Archbishop of Canterbury as he is enthroned within Canterbury Cathedral next month, beneath his fingers will be one of the most precious relics of Christendom.

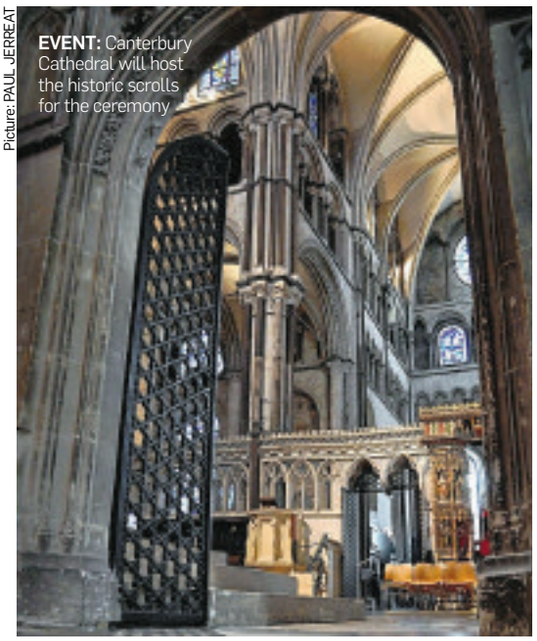
The ceremony on March 21 will be witnessed by some 2,000 people in the historic building and beamed live on the BBC, with VIPs such as the Prime Minister and Prince of Wales expected to attend.

And when the new archbishop, Justin Welby, takes his oath he will lay his hands on a Bible which is believed to have once belonged to the first man to be Archbishop of Canterbury – St Augustine; who arrived on these shores in AD597.

St Augustine's Gospels – sometimes called the Canterbury Gospels – is an illustrated Latin text which originates from Italy and is currently in the possession of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. It is part of the tradition of the enthronement of a new archbishop that the manuscript is used for his swearing in ceremony.

Dr Christopher de Hamel is fellowship librarian of the college and has the responsibility of bringing the priceless artefact to Canterbury for the event.

"It is the oldest surviving book known to have been in England and the earliest known illustrated work," he said. "It consists of the Latin text of the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. According to Bede when St Augustine arrived in England to spread Christianity he had been given all the books necessary for his task by Pope Gregory I.



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EVENT: Canterbury Cathedral will host the historic scrolls for the ceremony

"One cannot be certain, but it is overwhelmingly probable and accepted that this work belonged to St Augustine. It is a venerable item, evocative of the earliest days of English history and the Church."

For centuries the book was housed in St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury. But it became part of an important collection of Anglo Saxon Christian works collected by 16th century Archbishop of Canterbury Matthew Parker, who was tasked by Elizabeth I to gather materials showing England had its own church prior to 1066.

Politically at the time, this was important as the country was frequently in conflict with Catholic mainland Europe.

Parker assembled a library which he bequeathed to Corpus Christi, the college he had previously been master of.

"The gospels are housed in a carefully controlled vault," said Dr de Hamel. "If I am asked how much the work is worth in monetary terms I cannot say. How much is Canterbury Cathedral worth? Or Stonehenge? What about the pyramids?

"The enthronement has the sense of a spiritual occasion. This is a very, very old object which has a living function, rather than just being an antiquity. It was put together as a sacred object and is still performing that function close to 1,500 years later. I find that rather moving."

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Chris is Braking into the big time at Oscars show

Prestigious Academy Awards is backdrop for Rochester artist to showcase his work

By **JOE BILL**

IT'S awards season across the world right now, with the Baftas and the Grammys having already got the February season under way. But the big one is now just a week away, with stars and studios gearing up for the Oscars.

Up-and-coming illustrator Chris Brake will have a keen eye on the winners and losers at this year's Academy Awards.

The Rochester artist will have his work exhibited at San Diego's Hero Complex Gallery as part of its Oscars Legends! show.

The 27-year-old said: "It's the first time I have done an illustration exhibition. The curator, Adam Smasher, said he liked my work and invited me along. Basically, it's a celebration of the Oscars. They have brought artists from around the world to illustrate their favourite films – it can be anything that has won an Oscar.

"I have gone for One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest.

"We create our illustration and then there's a limited-edition print series of all the pieces so they can get sold over there. I think mine is one of 20."

Brake's pieces will then travel to Portland, Oregon, at the end of the month to be used in another exhibition alongside the gallery's annual Oscar gala event.

'I moved back to Kent and it became obvious I couldn't keep doing six-foot paintings in my bedroom'

The former Chatham Grammar School pupil studied art at Leeds University before returning to his native Medway to pursue a career in illustration.

"It was really by accident. I trained at Leeds and specialised in painting life-sized portraits of old people, basically.

"So they were all about six foot tall.

"After graduating, I moved back to Kent and it became obvious I couldn't keep doing six-foot paintings in my bedroom – they were just too large.

"I was involved in a group called Alternate Shadows, who are an amateur dramatics group in Rochester, and they asked me to do some posters for their shows. From then on I was getting into the practice of doing something in a different medium rather than oil paintings all the time.

"More people saw the posters and asked if I would do this and that. In the past year-and-a-half I have really started taking it seriously, making it more of a business, setting my website up and sending work around places.

"It has snowballed."

FOCUS: Brake has created art from album covers to television

Specialising in detailed pen-and-ink drawings, Brake's reputation has grown and the artist has produced work across the media, including album covers, T-shirts, posters, websites and magazines.

"Three or four times a year I will put a portfolio together and send it round to lots of companies and agencies, and off the back of that I hopefully get a few commissions to do a few bits and bobs for them.

"I don't go out and say 'This is what I am going to do' or 'Give me this job' – it's kind of the luck of the draw on what the company needs or wants at a certain time. It's good in a way because there are lots of different kinds of commissions and the next job is never the same as the last one."

Brake has worked for the likes of the John Lewis Partnership as well as creating a short animated advert for Channel Four's satellite station E4 called X-ray Specs.

"It's a good learning curve, as well. Every time you get a new job, there's something new you need to learn to complete it. Especially as I am early on in my career, certain clients may have specified something that they want and I may have never done it before so have to teach myself on the job.

"Then it's on to the next one, so my knowledge just expands from there."

'I've worked closely with Rochester Cathedral for the 200th celebrations of Dickens's birthday'

You may have seen some of Brake's work on a trip to London as he has produced work for music-scene events company Bird On The Wire.

"That's one of the biggest clients I have worked for. It was a print ad-campaign that went in a lot of music magazines and got postered all over east London, as well as on flyers."

But the Kent boy has not forgotten his roots, having produced illustrated maps of Rochester for tourists looking to join in the Charles Dickens celebrations last year.

"I've worked quite closely with Rochester Cathedral for the celebration of Dickens's 200th birthday.

"They did a stage show in the crypts of the cathedral and I designed the set and posters for that, as well."

The young artist is quite clear about his ambitions for the future, with America and the Oscars very much on his mind.

"I'd like to do more of the film side of things. There's a gallery over there called Mondo and I'd love to do one of their posters one day. They basically do alternative versions of film posters.

"The Academy Awards people are archiving all their stuff at the moment as they are considered one of the most important graphic-designing companies around."

But with his own piece already featuring in the US, it is surely only a matter of time before Chris Brake becomes a regular name on the illustrator exhibition list.

"It's a shame I can't get over there to see it, that's the only problem. I'm waiting for someone to have an illustrator exhibition in London so I can go and visit one of my pieces."

To see more of Chris Brake's work, visit www.chrisbrakeillustration.com.

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A house in the country that is strangely, superbly different

RESTAURANT **REVIEW**

Every now and again you come across somewhere that is a little quaint and a little unusual.

It's a good thing mostly as it keeps you on your toes and not bored of the same old styles of food and service. The Hempstead House – Country House Hotel in Bapchild is one of those places.

The Lakes Restaurant is decorated with a beautiful chandelier, white tablecloths and sparkling cutlery. It is befitting of the traditional-style country house in which it is set.

My guest and I (a chef) picked from a choice of breads including garlic, tomato and walnut and we were served an appetiser of a baked crostini topped with sun-dried tomato and Mozzarella, which was a little dry and not what I would pick to get the taste buds tingling.

With our waiters now clad in white gloves, the starters arrived. I went for the assiette of crab featuring a delicious crab pana cotta, crab cake and tempura crab with tomato and chilli jam.

It was excellent. The cake was fresh and contained more meat than bread, which meant it was juicy and not dry, while the jam gave zing.

My guest went for the pan-seared scallops, which we ascertained were from Scotland, with fennel purée, blood-orange pearls and orange-blossom foam. The presentation was good, while

the nod of a head and the need to scoop up every last inch of sauce told its own story.

It's not so strange having classical music playing while you're eating, but Ride Of The Valkyries as your backdrop was a little strange.

Nevertheless, our main courses arrived with German-like precision and the white gloves returned, too. I went for the home-smoked venison served with celeriac purée, pickled red cabbage, pickled walnuts and a gin-and-juniper jus.

Again it was of very high quality. The pickled walnuts provided a sharp tang to the dish, with the venison cooked medium rare. The gin and juniper left a delightful, lasting taste.

My guest chose roasted poussin (young chicken) covered in smoked bacon and served with colcannon potatoes, wild mushrooms and Calvados cream. A quick taste revealed that the flavours of the smoked bacon had transferred beautifully to the poussin, while the plate was cleared to the strains of Flight Of The Bumblebee.

My guest finished with a warm plum frangipane tart served with cinnamon crème Anglaise (English custard to you and me) and a mulled-wine sorbet that went down very well.

I went for the selection of cheeses with celery, grapes and crackers. There were six cheeses, including a lovely Brie, a tasty Red Leicester and strong Stilton, generous portions all.

Our total bill for a very good meal and drinks came to £81.60.

The posh white gloves are a bit different, but I would have happily exchanged them for some interaction with the staff. This, though, is a place that definitely has a style of its own. I liked it.

Joe Bill

■ **Hempstead House – Country House Hotel & Spa, London Road, Bapchild (telephone 01795 428020; website www.hempsteadhouse.co.uk)**

New-look Cricketers steps up to the crease

THE Cricketers pub in Canterbury high street has reopened this month with a new look and a new landlady.

Proprieter Anita Turner said: "The Cricketers is a Shepherd Neame pub and we're renovating it back to its former glory as a good old English pub. We have sanded back the floor, the bar and the furniture so that everything is fresh and back to as it was.

"As well as real ales and a selection of beers, there will be a full wine list as well as Champagne and Prosecco by the glass."

The new menu will also be traditional and feature home-made pies, pulled pork and beef brisket sandwiches, as well as bar nibbles.

Food fair will take on Kentish craft mantle

WEST Kent organisational group Kentish Craft Fairs has announced a new event for 2013 – the Sevenoaks Food Fair.

Held at the Stag theatre in September, the two-day event will exhibit delicacies from the farms and kitchens of the county.

From farm fresh produce to meats, fish, sauces, preserves and baked goods, the food fair will bring in some of Kent's best boutique producers as well as established countywide retailers.

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So you wanna be a record-breaker? Marco's here to give you a chance

Joe Bill meets the man behind the Guinnesss World Records Amazing Science Live Show, who reveals there is an awful lot more to getting your name in the famous book than meets the eye

WITH the London Olympics fading to a distant memory, there is now another place where fans can get their fix of athletes smashing world records... well, sort of.

The Guinness World Records group is touring its new show, Amazing Science Live, around the UK, giving audiences the opportunity to become record-holders themselves.

Marco Frigatti is the head of the records-management team and has worked for the group worldwide.

He said: "The show is a little bit of an overview of how records work. You get to see how we qualify records, what makes a world record and what doesn't.

"You also get to understand the science behind measuring a record.

"A lot of people don't realise when we receive a record application we need to look at the science behind it.

"For example, the loudest burp: how do you measure that? What kind of decibel will you be using, what kind of intensity?

"Or the largest soap bubble. We had a huge bubble the other day and it has to be measured in volume. But because of its wonky and not very precise shape, we have to think of the science in the equation."

The show comes to the Assembly Hall Theatre in Tunbridge Wells this month, giving audience members the opportunity to set a record.

"It [the show] is informative, too – you find out the difference between duct tape and gaffer tape, or perhaps liquid nitrogen and why it smokes.

"Also people get to go on stage to attempt to break their own record. We will be recording the audience's loudest scream competing with the other locations on the tour.

"The record is measured live and they can see on the table where the audience scored, so there is some competition, too."

Fans can even have a go at firing smoke rings at targets in an attempt to break a world record live on stage.

"This tour we also give two children the opportunity to become official adjudicators for some record attempts, so they use the clipboard and stopwatch and can help out."

Frigatti has been working with the records team, which produces the famous annual, for nine years and is hugely excited by the new live show.

"I work behind the scenes for many months, so I only got to see it from the audience perspectives for the first time a few weeks ago. I found myself screaming to try to get on stage.

"It has been nine years of madness, but it wasn't a dream fulfilled – it was quite coincidental.

"I started working in the TV department with the Guinness World Records and then got involved in the verification of records – it really got me fascinated.

"You get to know these fascinating people who break records and why they want to do it, and what's the story behind it all. It's a little bit addictive... I can't get enough of it."

■ **The Guinness World Records Amazing Science Live Show is at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, February 28. Tickets cost £17 for adults and £15 for children. Visit www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk or phone 01892 530613 for tickets.**

WONDERS OF THE WORLD: Marco Frigatti, right, has been working with the records team for the past nine years. From skateboarding dogs to the highest total of balloons burst by someone on a pogo stick, he's seen it all

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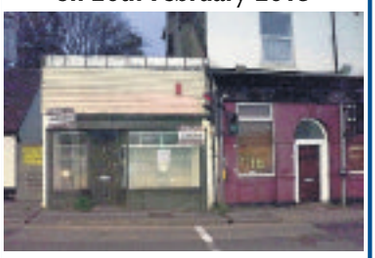

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Music festival is in tune with charity

By Joe Bill
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POPULAR charity festival Music On The Hill returns for 2013 with an entertaining line-up of pop acts and reality-show stars.

The weekend event is organised by and raises money for Demelza Hospice Care For Children, Teens Unite Fighting Cancer and the Children's Development Trust. It will see the likes of Jools Holland, boy-band rockers McFly and pop star Peter Andre perform.

The show, which is held at Kings Hill, near West Malling, on Friday to Sunday, July 19-21, will also feature a special appearance from former Bucks Fizz members Cheryl Baker, Jay Aston and Mike Nolan.

The first Music On The Hill, in 2011, attracted more than 10,000 people and, despite a year off in 2012, event director Colin Thacker is confident of repeating the success. He said: "We had such encouraging feedback from before that it's spurred us on to produce an even better event this time round. We think we've pulled together a really exciting line-up, with something to appeal to everyone."

ALL ABOUT CHILDREN: McFly, pictured with a boy from Demelza, and Peter Andre, left, are to perform at Music On The Hill, with all profits going to children's charities

The event starts on the Friday night with Jools Holland and his 18-piece Rhythm & Blues Orchestra. He will be joined by Roland Gift, voice of Fine Young Cannibals, and vocalist Ruby Turner.

The Saturday will feature two separately-ticketed events. Organisers will welcome back McFly for a special afternoon show following their sell-out appearance in 2011, while the evening slot has Peter Andre headlining.

Sunday's line-up is straight out of the reality-show catalogue with X Factor winners Matt Cardle and Joe McElderry. There will also be performances by Pop Idol's Gareth Gates, the Bucks Fizz trio of Cheryl, Jay and Mike and Whitstable's X Factor star Ben Mills.

The Sunday show will be hosted by radio and TV presenter Dave Berry and have something for the adults as tribute acts Killer Queen and Counterfeit Stones take stage.

Kent fashion designer Karen Millen OBE founded the Teens Unite Fighting Cancer charity. She said: "The event will be a great opportunity for the community to support local charities while having fun.

"Money raised will go towards a capital appeal for a care centre in Kent, after the first one opened in Hertfordshire earlier this year. It will make a big difference to Teens Unite and will ensure we can support more teenagers with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses."

Every penny of profit goes to charity, with the 2011 event raising more than £60,000 – enough to provide two new community nurses for Demelza.

Sarah Marsh, events coordinator for Demelza, said: "The money will make a real difference to the support we give to families across the area and help add life to days when days cannot be added to life."

Ticket prices vary for events but are free for children under five years old. Family tickets and VIP packages are available. For more details, visit www.musiconthehill.org.uk or alternatively phone the 24-hour box office on 0844 873 7342.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

The Orchard Theatre, Dartford
Tuesday, February 19, 8pm
Box office: 01322 220000
Website: www.orchardtheatre.co.uk
Jimeoin: As seen on Live At The Apollo and The Royal Variety Performance 2012, Irish comedian Jimeoin presents a show of world-class stand-up. Tickets £15.50. Ages 14+.

Astor Community Theatre, Deal
Saturday, February 23, 7.30pm
Box office: 01304 370220
Website: www.theastor.org
Prisoner Of Zenda: Chalkfoot Theatre Company will present Anthony Hope's swashbuckling Victorian adventure story from when Hollywood was young. Tickets £10-£12.

The Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury
Saturday, March 2, 7.30pm
Box office: 01227 787787
Website: www.marlowetheatre.com
Licence To Thrill: Strictly Come Dancing Star Brendan Cole and his cast of 20 musicians and dancers treat audiences to a night of ballroom magic and Latin excitement. Tickets £28-£32.

Granville Theatre, Ramsgate
Monday to Thursday, February 18-21
Box office: 01843 855000
Email: trudi.granville@gmail.com
Theatre School: This half-term, children can join in dancing, singing and drama lessons with the Granville Theatre Arts Company. For children aged four to 17. Price £60 per child for four days.

Buckmore Park at 50: still a thrill

IF you have the need for speed and are looking for fast and furious fun, you can't beat karting.

Chatham's Buckmore Park International Outdoor Kart Circuit, just off junction 3 of the M2, is offering half-term Turn Up 'n' Drive sessions for children aged four to 16.

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Children aged between eight and 11 (and at least 4ft 2in tall) can experience the 20mph petrol karts on the longer 300m Club Circuit.

Youngsters aged 12 to 16 can ride the state-of-the-art 40mph petrol karts available on the more complex 600m National Circuit.

Prices start from £15 per session.

Buckmore Park, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, still offers Kids' Karting parties for ages four to 16 throughout the year, as well as Laser Tag Parties for those aged eight to 16... and mums and dads, too!

Is your child the next Lewis Hamilton? The Bambino School for six- to seven-year-olds has welcomed more than 1,000 children since its introduction in 2009.

The circuit is open seven days a week and attracts more than 150,000 visitors a year. It operates late into the evening and caters for both children and adults, with 200 karts for hire. The sales office is open between 9am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 5.30pm weekends.

For more information, phone 01634 201562, visit www.buckmore.co.uk or email sales@buckmore.co.uk.

It's full steam ahead at transport festival

By Joe Bill
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THERE will be trains, games and automobiles at this year's Medway Festival of Steam and Transport.

Hosted by Chatham's Historic Dockyard, the two-day event on Easter Sunday and Monday will get fans of historic machinery hot under the collar with exhibitions, entertainment and competitions.

There will also be a hint of showbusiness around the festival, with an opportunity to walk around the set of the BBC TV drama series Call The Midwife. The 1950s atmosphere will be re-created, with vehicles of the time, washing lines, bicycles and music of the era all adding to the backdrop.

In the main part of the transport fair, visitors can get up close to classic cars including marques and models from Austin, Ford, Rover and Wolseley. There will also be an appearance from a Hillman Minx MK Villa that appeared in the BBC TV series and a 1954 Rolls-Royce State Landaulette.

CELEBRATION: From steam trains to a re-creation of the Call The Midwife set, the festival will have something for everyone

All the usual elements of this popular event will be returning, including the sights, sounds and smells of steam as traction engines and locomotives rumble by, as well as folk and blues music, animal encounters and shire-horse wagon rides.

Watch out for the steampunks with their unusual neo-Victorian costumes and steam-powered gadgets.

Visit www.thedockyard.co.uk/steamandtransport to find out more about the event.

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE

The Bickley, Chislehurst
Thursday, March 7, 7pm
Box office: 08717812095
Email: tina.johnson@cact.org.uk
Chatting with the chairman: An evening with West Ham-owner David Gold. Hosted by TV legend Dickie Davis, there will be a three-course meal followed by a Q&A session. Tickets £75.

Kaleidoscope Gallery, Sevenoaks
Open until Saturday, March 9
Box office: 08458 247200
Email: kaleidoscope@kent.gov.uk
New exhibition: Modernist and abstract works will be brought together for the art show entitled Critical Narratives In Colour And Form by artist collective Plastic Propaganda. Free entry.

Down House, Downe
Thursday, February 28, 11am
Box office: 0870 333 1183
Web: www.english-heritage.org.uk/darwin
Charles Darwin: Rebecca Stott talks about her book Darwin's Ghost, focusing on evolutionary thinkers who, like Darwin himself, challenged religious orthodoxies. Tickets £12.

Hever Castle, near Edenbridge
Saturday to Sunday, February 16-24
Box office: 01732 865224
Website: www.hevercastle.co.uk
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The nursery blossomed under his expert hand, but one of the achievements of which he is most proud is the passing on of the gardening bug (in the nicest possible sense!) to his son Stephen, who now runs Victoriana Nursery Gardens, also in Challock.

Never one to rest on his spade, Jerry is still very much involved at Victoriana nursery, where more than 60 years of horticultural wisdom are brought to bear on another flourishing business.

And now Jerry has agreed to write for Archant KOS Media. Indeed, we are lucky enough to be getting double helpings!

Firstly, there will be a monthly column on the leisure section of the Kent News website

(**www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure**), while in tandem with this will be features in our popular supplement, Homes & Gardens, the first edition of which this year will be coming out in March.

Jerry told Archant KOS Media: "I started growing at the age of nine in the late 1940s and am more than happy to impart my diverse knowledge, at times spiced with humour, common sense and ideas that work."

The articles will be focused wholly on the season and readers will be treated to some of the most up-to-date expertise in the county.

"February is very much the month for planning and planting, especially fruiting stock and the first protected sowings.

TIPS AND ADVICE: Jerry Shirley will be sharing his many years of gardening success with readers to help you eat good food for less

I will show you how to eat better and spend less," said Jerry.

Gardening information will obviously form the bulk of Jerry's writing, but much will be tailored to the growing (and eating!) of produce.

And it won't end there! Subjects as varied as wildlife and rural crime will be covered, and Jerry is never afraid to raise the hackles with his sometimes-contentious views.

See you all over on **www.kentnews.co.uk/leisure**!

■ **Visit Jerry's website at www.victoriananursery.co.uk for more on the nursery.**

Need a new favourite band?

REVIEW MUSIC

BUZZCOCKS: Another Music In A Different Kitchen; Love Bites; A Different Kind Of Tension

AS older music fans never tire of telling young whippersnappers, the late 1970s really was a special time. Punk was doing its best to, if not rewrite the rock rule-book, then at least make a few safety-pinned amendments.

When the leading lights of the London scene started to spread their wings and play in venues up and down the country, they inspired bored teenagers across the land to start up their own bands.

Manchester was a particularly fertile ground for punk and, after Pete Shelley had travelled to the capital to see the Sex Pistols, his new band Buzzcocks debuted by opening for Rotten and Co when they travelled north.

Shelley's band became one of the most successful punk outfits and it wasn't long before their singles were being played on daytime Radio 1.

They stood out from the bondage crowd by writing about love and relationships (standard for every other performer... unusual for punks) while managing to sneak sexual ambiguity and exploration on to Top Of The Pops.

Buzzcocks had a wider popular appeal than, say, the Pistols and their most popular LP is probably Singles Going Steady, the stunning collection of 'pop punk' 45s that had made them a household name.

The band were prolific during 1978-79, releasing three essential LPs that rounded out their story for anyone who could only hum the hits. Now all three have been re-released as 2CD packages, including rare tracks, Peel sessions, singles, demos and live recordings.

Buzzcocks' debut album, Another Music In A Different Kitchen, remains a punk landmark, fired by wit, speed and philosophical lyrics.

The follow-up Love Bites contains the bona fide classic Ever Fallen In Love (With Someone You Shouldn't've), while the companion CD contains what is perhaps the stand-out of the bonus material – a full June 1978 concert at Manchester's Lesser Free Trade Hall.

The final LP from the first incarnation of the band – A Different Kind Of Tension – is presented here with all the associated singles of the period, as well as the last track the group recorded in their first incarnation – I Look Alone.

This LP sees the band in more experimental mode, perhaps trying to avoid the punk trap of endlessly releasing what are in effect new versions of the same material. It is less 'pop' than some of their earlier material but none the worse for that.

Buzzcocks are often seen as a second-division act of the period, behind the Premier League stars of the Sex Pistols and The Clash, but perhaps the comparisons aren't really fair.

They had a sound of their own and tackled subjects their contemporaries pointedly ignored. These CDs will remind old hands just how vital and listenable the band were, while the uninitiated are about to hear their new favourite band. **Dennis South**

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Government scheme offers first-time buyers chance to book a home

By Nick Ames
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HOMEBUYERS who want to take advantage of the Government's FirstBuy 2 scheme – aimed at first-time buyers – can now reserve their homes.

This will enable them to complete the purchase of properties from Monday, April 1, 2013 to Monday, March 31, 2014.

Developer Persimmon Homes South East will be the first housebuilder in the region to offer prospective homebuyers access to the scheme after signing up with the Homes and Communities Agency.

FirstBuy is designed to help first-time buyers into home ownership. In the first round of funding, thousands of people were helped on to the property ladder.

This second round of funding sees a further £280 million being invested by the Government.

Under the scheme, the buyer purchases a new home on an approved FirstBuy new-build development with assistance from both the Homes and Communities Agency and the housebuilder in the form of two equity loans.

The buyer must take out a first mortgage with a qualifying lending institution such as a bank or building society. This mortgage, together with any cash contribution from the institution, must be a minimum of 80 per cent of the full purchase price; the maximum full purchase price is set at £280,000.

The agency and the housebuilder will provide equal equity loans to fund the balance needed to make up the full purchase price of the home, up to a maximum of 20 per cent of the full purchase price. These equity loans must be repaid when the home is sold.

In addition, the buyer may make voluntary part-repayments of the equity loans – a policy known as staircasing.

The equity loans are interest-free for the first five years. After that, the buyer will pay a fee on each of the equity loans of 1.75 per cent, rising annually by the increase – if any – in the Retail Price Index plus 1 per cent.

Darren Jones, managing director of Persimmon Homes South East, said: "This is a huge help for people trying to get their first foot on the property ladder and we're pleased to be able to work with the Government to support the scheme.

"FirstBuy, along with NewBuy and now NewBuy Part Exchange, which has just been launched, are all helping to get people moving.

HELPING HAND: Darren Jones, from Persimmon, has seen a rise in numbers looking at properties

"Visitor numbers to our developments have seen a significant rise in recent weeks and we're positive that our FirstBuy announcement will see numbers rise even further."

...but saving for the deposit could take up to seven years

THE new Government initiatives to help first-time buyers have been introduced at a time when it is becoming more and more costly to obtain the money necessary for a first property purchase.

Young people are increasingly becoming unable to get a foothold in the property market and it takes a person in their 20s seven years to get the deposit to put down on a house, according to a report by the Home Builders Federation.

It says that on average a person in their 20s wanting to purchase the average first-time-buyer home – currently thought to cost £175,265 – will have to save £35,053.

Even saving one third of their net income, taking into account average salaries, it would take them almost seven years – 83 months – to get the money to buy a first home.

In 2002, it would have taken two-and-a-half years, the report found.

The percentage of income required for a deposit has also gone up.

For those aged between 22 to 29, the average deposit is 229 per cent of net annual salary, with regional variations making it most expensive in the South East, while the north and west of the country have lower costs but also lower wages.

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Start-ups rise part of a growing trend

BUSINESS Secretary Vince Cable said he welcomed the record number of company formations last year in Gillingham – and said it was an indication of a growing national trend towards start-ups.

Town MP Rehman Chishti asked the minister about business growth in the constituency, after the latest Duport Business Confidence Report showed there were 148 company formations between July and September last year – more than any other third quarter on record. This is a rise of 23 per cent compared with 2011.

Cable said: "A large amount of entrepreneurial activity is taking place. The percentage of the population engaged in business has increased from about 6 per cent to 9 per cent in the past two years, and what is happening in Gillingham is an example of that."

The report also shows that that net company growth also reached a new record, with the company register increasing by 84. This compares with 54 in 2011.

Ferry firm axes IT and catering jobs

A TOTAL of 42 jobs has been lost at cross-Channel ferry operator P&O.

They consist of 16 positions in catering and 26 IT posts, all based at the company's Dover headquarters, Channel House. The move follows a consultation, called Project 2013, that was launched last autumn and looked to increase company profitability.

The company says there are no more job losses planned.

A spokesman said: "This goes back to a restructuring plan which was put into action at the end of last year in an effort to cut costs. Both catering and IT were areas which came under scrutiny."

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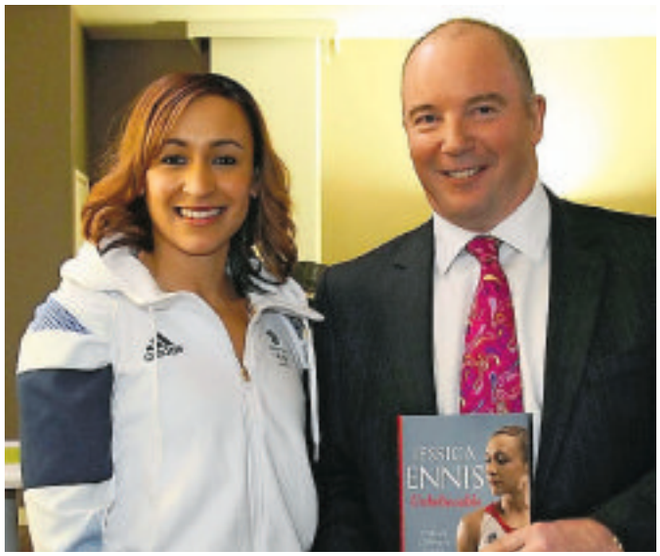

WELL DONE! Gold medal-winning Jessica Ennis with sole trader Neil Taylor of St James's Palace

Olympic Jess presents sole trader award

WEALTH management specialist Neil Taylor has received an award as one of the top sole traders in his finance company from Olympic gold-medallist Jessica Ennis.

Taylor, from Ashford, was one of the top three staff at London-based St James's Place during 2012.

Taylor said: "I was delighted to receive the award on behalf of the practice, which is a reflection of the high-quality wealth-management services we offer to individuals and businesses."

St James's Place is a leading UK financial investment-management organisation and has funds of £34.8 billion.

Innovation centre to mentor more future business leaders thanks to communities cash

By Nick Ames
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A PIONEERING scheme linking business opportunities, start-ups and training is to be expanded following joint public- and private-sector funding.

New space and facilities for innovative businesses are to be created at a project aimed at offering support to new companies in Thanet – which will in turn encourage young people in their future careers.

The Marlowe Innovation Centre in Ramsgate is to build an extension that will double its accommodation and support services following the announcement of a £350,000 grant from the Government's Coastal Communities Fund.

The balance of the £1 million cost will be provided by The Roger De Haan Charitable Trust, one of the original funders of the project.

This will enable space for 25 new companies – creating an estimated 75 jobs if current usage figures are taken on board.

VISITOR: MP Nick Boles took a tour of Ramsgate's Marlowe Innovation Centre

The announcement was made during a visit to the centre on Monday by Nick Boles MP, Under Secretary of State for Planning in the Department for Communities and Local Government.

The new businesses will aid in work-motivating and mentoring young people at the neighbouring Marlowe Academy, as is already being done by companies currently in residence.

It is planned to open the extension in June 2014.

At present the centre has 25 work spaces, with 75 people employed. These are used as offices or light industrial units and targeted at new small businesses, which, in return, commit to helping the next generation of the business community.

The new extension will provide a similar mix of office and light-industrial usage, with firms encouraged to network and provide mutual encouragement and support.

The Marlowe Innovation Centre is the only such project in the country to be located on a school site, rather than at a university.

All tenants agree to allocate time each month to working with the students of the Marlowe Academy, and more than 150 young people have benefited in this way since the centre opened. Help includes work experience, CV preparation, interview practice, careers advice, mentoring and special projects.

Students work with businesses specialising in branding, app-creation, printing, physiotherapy, dentistry, finance and electronics.

Tenants' rent is also ploughed back into development work at the school.

The Coastal Communities Fund was launched by the Government in March 2012 to support the economic development of coastal communities by promoting sustainable economic growth and jobs.

Capital and revenue grants are available for a range of applicant organisations and projects that benefit towns on the coast.

The Coastal Communities Fund will open again for applications soon. Priorities for next year have not been formally agreed although the focus will remain on funding initiatives to foster economic development in coastal communities.

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Colleges encouraged to take part in south east business competition

ENTRIES: From last year

COLLEGES across Kent, Sussex and Surrey are being urged to take part in an annual inter-college business competition for Year 12 students.

The Young Business Minds 2013 contest aims to give students an insight into the world of business and is now in its third year.

Students are divided into teams of four and work together to build a business plan during a two-week period for a product or service. It is then pitched to judges and a winner revealed.

Neil Edwards, managing director of organisers the Marketing Eye, said: "The competition has won great support from both the students taking part and their teachers. We'd like to involve more colleges in East Sussex, as well as working with some in West Sussex and Kent."

To find out more: abigail@themarketingeye.com.

Enter skills contest says Dragon Paphitis

DRAGONS' Den star Theo Paphitis has called on the ambitious to enter the WorldSkills UK National Competitions - with the chance to build on their skills, test their knowledge and showcase their potential to future employers.

Managed by the National Apprenticeship Service, the finalists battle it out in front of 100,000 spectators at The Skills Show which takes place at Birmingham's NEC on November 14-16. Mr Paphitis is patron of the event.

Microsoft founder Bill Gates donates money

THE Medway campus of the University of Greenwich is celebrating after securing a grant from a foundation set up by Microsoft founder Bill Gates.

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has presented $1.5m for the three-year project to the university's national resources institute.

It aims to support research to detect damaging viruses which can reduce the yield of valuable yam crops for smallholder farmers in west Africa.

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ON THE UP: There has been a sharp increase in the number of people registering for apprenticeships

Employers cash in as apprentice figures rise

THERE has been a sharp increase in the number of apprenticeships - with the latest Government figures revealing a rise of nearly 25 per cent in the space of a year.

Kent recorded the second highest number of starts in the south east during the 2011/12 academic year, with some 11,200 registering to start an apprenticeship.

That marks a 24.1 per cent rise on the previous year.

In Medway, there were 2,700 - up 10.9 per cen on the previous year.

Across the south east region, there were 66,850 new apprenticeships.

Nationwide, the number topples half a million - up 13.9 per cent.

Business secretary Vince Cable said: "Whenever I speak to businesses, a lack of trained workers is a frequent concern.

"These figures mean we are starting to turn the tide. Over half a million people took up an apprenticeship last year, showing that our investment in vocational skills is paying off."

Skills minister Matthew Hancock said: "It's great news that apprenticeships have gone up by 14.6 per cent in the south east, to 66,850.

"Apprenticeships are vital in the Government's drive to create a more highly-skilled workforce who are better able to compete in the global race.

"We are strengthening apprenticeships further to make them more rigorous, and to respond to the ever-changing needs of the modern workplace."

David Way, chief executive of the National Apprenticeship Service, said: "I am pleased that new data confirms that apprenticeships overall are increasingly popular.

"Apprenticeships have much to offer and by working closely with employers, we have come a long way in raising quality standards.

"Our immediate and continuing focus is on growing apprenticeships at 16-18, supported by the apprenticeship grant for employers to recruit a young apprentice, which is proving increasingly popular with small employers, and we are putting in place additional measures including a marketing campaign targeted at employers and young people."

Through the Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (AGE) of 16-24 year olds, businesses who choose to grow their business through apprenticeships can access funding of £1,500.

The grant is open to organisations employing up to 1,000 people, who have never employed an apprentice before, or have not recruited one in the past 12 months.

Mr Way added: "Apprenticeships come with a guarantee of quality, giving young people a job with training, and are proven to deliver a significant return on investment, so this really is a win-win initiative for employers. There has never been a better time to recruit an apprentice. I hope more organisations will look to benefit."

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A MULTI-million pound cashpot has been made available to businesses of all sizes to fund tailored training programmes to address their specific skills needs.

The Employer Ownership Pilot (EOP) has already committed around £90 million and leveraged £115 million from companies including Siemens, AkzoNobel and AJ Woods Engineering.

Now time is ticking to apply for the next round of funding.

Projects range from helping young people into work by delivering pre-employment training, to extending apprenticeships and training to supply chains.

Applications are now open for the second round and will close on March 28.

Skills minister Matthew Hancock said: "For British businesses to succeed and compete in the global race, they need a highly-skilled workforce that can meet the challenges of the future.

"With applications for round two now open, I would urge businesses – particularly small companies – to consider how the fund can help them grow, from creating new apprenticeship programmes to setting up specialist training academies."

There is up to £240m available for the second round - bringing a total Government investment of £340m.

Commerce cautiously optimistic as fears of triple-dip recession recede

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FEARS of a triple-dip recession for the UK economy have receded, with economists saying the country was back in growth mode after the 0.3 per cent drop in the final three months of last year.

And business analysis across Kent reflects the national upward trend as, both countywide and nationally, business confidence is reported to be on the increase.

But according to the Kent Chamber of Commerce, more leadership and direction from Government is needed to promote growth.

The boost for business follows better-than-expected activity in the services sector, which contributes three-quarters of the national financial output. This part of the economy – which covers banking to hotels – shrank for the first time in two years in December, and economists had thought it would continue to contract at the start of the year.

There were fears of a further recession as recently as the last week in January, after figures showing Gross Domestic Product declined in the final quarter of 2012.

This brought the UK to the brink of its third recession in four years, using the technical definition of a recession as two consecutive quarters of contraction.

But the CIPS/Markit purchasing managers' index for January beat the gloomy forecasts, rising to 51.5 last month – above the 50 mark that separates expansion from contraction.

Confidence across the business sector rebounded to its highest level since May 2012, as stronger demand drove new orders and the rise in employment was the largest for six months.

Also output in Britain's factories grew at the fastest rate for 16 months in January.

"A huge sigh of relief accompanies these numbers, as a return to growth of the service sector in January greatly reduces the likelihood of the UK falling back into a triple-dip recession," said Chris Williamson, chief economist for financial analyst Markit.

Jo James, of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, was also upbeat but wanted further action to support commerce and industry.

She said: "We agree with Markit that the economy is in a healthier position than the Office of National Statistics data suggest. Kent Invicta Chamber regularly surveys businesses to get an understanding of their trading environment. The latest results show that all the key economic indicators – domestics sales/order and export sales/orders – have improved in recent months. Business confidence is also higher than at any time over the past two years in the county.

"But there is no doubt growth is inadequate and there is much the Government can do to help the economy, especially in investment in infrastructure."

ON THE UP? The service sector showed encouraging results, but Jo James says that more must be done

Investment key to continued growth

CITY analysts have echoed Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce concerns over sustainable economic growth.

Although prospects have received an unexpected boost, a rise in investment is needed to ensure any recovery is long-term, according to economic forecasters.

Business confidence is increasing and the bank lending drought is easing, according to a series of surveys that fuel hopes the economy could be slowly turning around.

However, some experts are still worried by the lack of business investment.

"Despite a rise in confidence, companies' modest plans for capital investment are a worry as this is crucial to a strong and sustained recovery," said Scott Barnes, chief executive of Grant Thornton UK.

Business confidence is at an 18-month high, according to a survey conducted by financial experts Icaew and Grant Thornton.

Experts says the surge in their business confidence monitor index from + 4.2 at the end of last year to 12.8 suggests the economy will grow by 0.4 per cent in the first quarter.

Lloyds Bank said its monthly business barometer found the net balance of firms that were positive about their trading outlook rose six points to 46 per cent in January. It is also forecasting a "modest expansion" in the economy of 0.3 to 0.4 per cent.

The rise in corporate confidence comes as the Ernst & Young Item Club reports that lending to businesses and households is at the healthiest levels since 2010.

After an estimated 4 per cent fall last year – its lowest level since 2006 – bank lending to firms is forecast to rise 2 per cent this year.

According to Icaew, the private sector has seen a 1 per cent rise in staff in the past year, and firms expect to increase jobs by 1.5 per cent over the next 12 months, a sentiment echoed by the recruiter Reeds.

Now Blockbuster and Republic hit the rocks

THE high street has suffered two further blows with the news that two more companies are calling in the administrators.

The fashion chain Republic and DVD-rental outlet Blockbuster are the latest to put jobs at risk as poor trading figures force restructuring.

Blockbuster is to close an additional 164 stores, including its Gravesend and Dover branches, over the coming weeks.

Last month it announced the closure of 160 stores, including those in Rainham, Ashford and Sevenoaks. They will remain open for business as usual until the closure date.

Republic, the clothing chain that has a target customer base of young people, is looking to appoint accountancy firm Ernst & Young as administrator.

Its Kent stores are in Canterbury, Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and Bluewater.

Ex Tesco boss slammed for 'progress' remarks over decline of the high street

SIR Terry Leahy, the former boss of Tesco, has come under attack for describing the rise of supermarkets and the closure of small shops as "progress".

He said the decline of high streets was a result of families choosing to use supermarkets.

Sir Terry suggested high streets were no longer fit for modern families and some had effectively become irrelevant relics.

But the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) said its Keep Trade Local campaign highlighted the role played by high streets and their importance to local economies.

It also showed that more of the money spent in local shops stayed in the local economy compared with that spent in a supermarket.

Roger House, FSB chairman for Kent and Medway, said: "There is no doubt Kent's high streets are going through change, but these comments are unhelpful and undermine the reality businesses face on the ground.

"Shop closures put people off going to the high street, meaning the firms that remain continue to struggle.

"The cost of parking also puts people off – especially when supermarkets and out-of-town centres have free spaces. Local shops help to provide jobs in the area while being able to source good-quality products."

House said that many high streets in Kent had reinvented themselves, looking at innovative ways to encourage people to shop locally.

He added that supermarkets could work well with small businesses, selling locally-sourced produce.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Balls says new bank would assist SMEs

SHADOW Chancellor Ed Balls has called for a new bank to be established to allow small businesses that want to obtain funds for growth to be able to do so.

His proposal has the backing of the Federation of Small Businesses in Kent, which has been campaigning for more lending.

Balls also called for a National Insurance tax break for small businesses taking on workers.

Second phase of isle scheme is unveiled

A £30 MILLION project on the Isle of Sheppey could create 150 jobs, it is claimed.

A new Morrisons supermarket at Neats Court, Queenborough, is under construction and developer LXB Retail Properties has put forward plans for Phase 2 of the scheme. These are include retail outlets and restaurants.

The second phase of the plans will be studied by Swale council in April.

Good news for county's HMV stores... for now

ALL of Kent's HMV stores will stay open for the immediate future at least, administrator Deloitte having failed to name them among the initial closure of 66 UK stores.

The finance company had announced 930 staff would lose their jobs at the high-street chain over the next two months.

Just across the county border, however, HMV stores in Orpington and Bexleyheath will close.

Apprenticeships at a record high in district

A RECORD number of young people are in apprenticeship training in Swale, according to Government statistics showing that in financial year 2011/12 a total of 1,090 people started as apprentices in Sittingbourne and Sheppey, compared with 440 in 2009/10.

Figures for the first quarter of 2012/13 were also encouraging, with 280 more young people entering training schemes.

A soft landing if you buy space mattress

MATTRESSES designed as a by-product of NASA space missions are to go on sale at Bluewater.

Danish brand Tempur Mattresses is set to open a retail outlet there early this summer.

The products were developed after research into how best to cushion astronauts against the extremely high gravity forces they encounter when a spacecraft blasts off.

Clothing company Lea-Ray gets bigger

CORPORATE clothing and promotional merchandising company Lea-Ray is expanding and opening a new head office.

The family-run concern is moving into new premises in Whitstable while still keeping on its shop in Faversham that sells school uniforms.

"We have been in business since 1978 and things are going well," said sales director Sam Allen.

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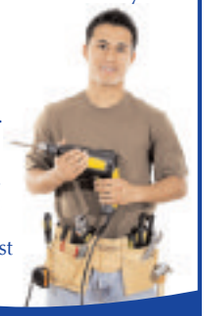

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New-look Weight Watchers' Range Rover beats Skyfall

THERE has been concern that Range Rovers are increasingly domesticated and live mostly in towns. But I can report that this noble beast has been spotted in its natural habitat and, after four generations, still survives the harshest conditions.

In fact, the RR (from £71,295) is even more adept at what it does best, though rarely put to the test: ploughing through muck and scaling and descending the most daunting heights.

Indeed, the launch event I attended included descent of a 1.175 gradient at a former tank-testing centre that, to nobody's great surprise, was also used to film some stunts in the latest Bond movie, Skyfall.

Yes, I was worried about a sky fall, too, on that gradient – one nobody could descend on foot unaided – but the beast edged down without drama.

It was helped by its renowned grip and Land Rover's Terrain Control system, now fully automatic so that even urbanite RR-buyers don't have to think about selecting the right mode when they accidentally commune with nature rather than Hyde Park Corner.

But a Weight Watchers' regime, headlined by creation of the world's first aluminium SUV body, also helped. This has made the RR 420 kilos or 39 per cent lighter than its steel-bodied predecessor – equivalent to the weight of five adults.

This also benefits the car's on-road manners; the lightness means it doesn't heel on cornering like an overladen galleon. Indeed, this is the first RR I've actually enjoyed driving.

Fat-busting has also shaken up powertrain options. The bonkers petrol V8s are virtually redundant, as decent performance (0-60 in 6.5 seconds) is now offered via the diesel V8, while the diesel V6 delivers all the power and economy most buyers will demand: 0-60 in 7.4 seconds and 37.7mpg official combined – both good for a car of this bulk.

The RR has also acquired the new wardrobe and glow, as well as the zeal, of a Weight Watchers' star dieter: the roofline is lower and clever side-on cosmetics make the car look longer and sleeker than before, notably through a wraparound extension to the front headlights, a discreet rear roof spoiler, and sculpted 'gills' on the front door.

The last echoes side vents on the old car, but these were made redundant this time so stylists adapted and shifted them to make a 'signature' seemingly destined to continue.

Such style is important, for the new car recognises that the RR is no longer simply an SUV but a refined limousine that just happens to have massive off-road capability. A symbol of this is that the rear can now be specified with two luxurious 'armchairs' and centre console rather than seats for three. I couldn't see a glass partition on the extras list, though...

BEAUTIFUL BODY: Having lost the weight equivalent of five adults, the latest Range Rover continues to offer an impressive off-roading ability while also looking good

DON'T LIKE

... that, for all its majestic ability, the RR is still ridiculously expensive, but the wealthy surely love its 'reassuringly expensive' image

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Peugeot's Partner Tepee now packs true picnicking power

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WE Brits don't really 'get' cars like the Peugeot Partner Tepee.

In fact, despite the quirky name, you probably haven't ever matched this label with the slightly anonymous and boxy 'Postman Pat' car seen on the road.

But the Tepee and its smaller sister, the even more exotically named Bipper Tepee, is one of a number of so-called van-based budget MPVs from the Continent, except that most are now built on car platforms and all the better for it.

The Partner Tepee owes its underpinnings to the Peugeot 308, not the greatest family hatchback to drive perhaps, but perfectly acceptable for this incarnation – a tent on wheels.

Yes, the Tepee really does echo the American Indian tepee from which it takes its name; it's tall and capacious, with access made easy by two sliding rear doors inherited from the Partner van.

The van's big lift-up tailgate is also a boon, being well out of the way when loading over the low threshold into a huge cargo area but not hinging up so high it will scrape the garage roof or be less effective as a shelter against the rain.

I've used a Tepee as a picnic gazebo before, so I know why sporting people, anglers, birders and other outdoor types love this type of car.

Depending on the model, you can also have up to seven seats, with the rear five folding or removable, according to your chosen configuration at any time.

There is also masses of stowage, including standard-fit shelving above the front sun visors, another van legacy and the ideal place for travel documents, passports, maps, books and so on.

For those who really like to cram their cars with stuff, though, there is also the optional £580 Zenith roof-pack, comprising four glass panels to flood even more light into an airy interior, plus an overhead locker and extra ventilation from a central roof console.

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ALL PACKED UP: Peugeot's Tepee is ideal for those who love the great outdoors or for a large family, with the option of seven seats that can be configured to suit your needs

On the other hand, you might want to spend £650 on air-con if you're not buying the higher-grade seven-seat Family or chunky-looking Outdoor model, the latter being the variant we tested.

Priced from £16,205, the Outdoor has some fashionable off-roader cosmetics, but you can also make it walk the talk a little by specifying the keenly-priced £545 All Terrain Pack that brings Grip Control for added traction to the front-driving wheels in tricky conditions, plus a higher suspension and some under-engine protection.

But it's the lesser Partner Tepee models that are probably best value and ideal people-carriers for those on a tight budget.

Don't skimp too much on the power front, though: the 98bhp Urban base model (£12,955) and 120bhp S (£14,055) petrol variants don't make much sense on the grounds they are thirstier and incur a heftier road tax – £170 and £195 respectively, with the latter hitting £275 in year one due to the so-called 'showroom tax'.

Trading up to a thriftier diesel doesn't cost that much more upfront, either, though the asthmatic 75bhp diesel S model (£14,105) could be a liability due to glacial acceleration – you might need a spinnaker sail to better its 0-62mph in 17.1 seconds. Instead, best find the extra £450 that gets you into a 92bhp diesel, starting with the S spec at £14,555.

That costs you £120-a-year road tax and offers an official combined 54.3mpg. With a low list price, that makes this quirky alternative MPV attractive to recession-hit families.

Who knows, maybe we will now start to 'get' cars like this, as they do in France and Italy.

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New ultimate Toyota GT86

THERE'S a new flagship version of the Toyota GT86 – the rear-wheel-drive coupé was one of the best cars we tested in 2012.

The GT86 TRD is on sale from March 1, but move fast as just 250 examples are allocated for UK enthusiasts.

Priced from £31,495, it features 18-inch alloys, front and side skirts, rear spoiler and quad exhaust.

50 years fly by for 911 legend

PORSCHE'S legendary rear-engine, rear-driven 911 celebrates its 50th birthday this year, the inspiration for the German marque's growing sporting line-up.

More than 820,000 911s have been built across seven generations that began with air-cooled engines – still prized for their distinctive sound – before the switch to water-cooling.

The car's racing origins have also seen it pioneer many motoring innovations.

Civic to hit the wagon trail?

HONDA has unveiled a racy wagon or estate concept version of its Civic hatchback that strongly hints at the final production version – to be built at its Swindon UK plant.

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12	12	CORSA LTD 1.2 3dr, Black Sapphire	£11,495
12	62	CORSA ACTIVE 1.2 3dr, Glacier White	£10,495
12	62	CORSA ACTIVE 1.2 3dr, Technical Grey	£10,495
12	62	CORSA ACTIVE 1.2 5dr, Technical Grey	£10,495
12	62	CORSA ACTIVE 1.2 5dr, Oriental Blue	£10,995
12	62	CORSA ACTIVE 1.2 5dr, Silver Lake	£10,995
12	62	CORSA ACTIVE 1.2 5dr, Waterworld	£10,995
12	62	ASTRA EXCLUSIV 1.4 5dr, Waterworld	£12,995
12	12	NEW ASTRA GTC TBO 1.4 3dr, Silver Lake	£14,995
12	62	MOKKA SE 1.6 5dr, Boracay Blue	£18,995
11	61	AGILA SE 1.2 5dr, Blaze Red	£7,995
12	62	AGILA SE AUTO 1.2 5dr, Steel Silver	£11,495
12	12	AGILA SE 1.2 5dr, Steel Silver	£9,995
12	62	AGILA SE AUTO 1.2 5dr, Steel Silver	£11,495
12	12	INSIGNIA CDTi EXCLUSIV 2.0 5dr, Technical Grey	£15,995
12	12	ZAFIRA EXCITE 1.8 5dr, Star Silver	£14,495
12	12	ZAFIRA TOURER TBO SRi 1.4 5dr, Carbon Flash	£16,995

Vauxhall Ex Demonstrator Commercials — +VAT

12	12	COMBO SPORTIVE CDTi 1.3D 5dr, Polar White	£10,695
12	12	COMBO SPORTIVE CDTi 1.6 5dr, Magnetic Silver	£11,495
12	62	VIVARO SPORTIVE 2.0 5dr, Star Silver	£14,995

Corsa Selection — Only

10	10	Corsa SXi A/C 1.2 3dr, Metro Blue	£7,495
10	60	CORSA ENERGY 1.2 3dr, Flame Red	£6,995
11	11	CORSA EXCITE 1.2 3dr, Pepper Dust	£8,695
11	61	CORSA EXCITE 1.2 3dr, Lime Green	£8,995
11	61	CORSA S 1.0 3dr, Chilli Orange	£7,995
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12	61	CORSA S 1.0 3dr, Flame Red	£7,995

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08	58	ASTRA SXi 1.6 5dr, Black Sapphire	£5,995
09	09	ASTRA ACTIVE 1.4 5dr, Black Sapphire	£6,345
10	10	ASTRA SE AUTO 1.6 5dr, Silver	£9,995
11	61	NEW ASTRA ACTIVE 1.6 5dr, Technical Grey	£10,995
11	61	NEW ASTRA EXCITE 1.4 5dr, Silver Lake	£10,495
11	61	ASTRA SRi CDTi 2.0 5dr, Silver Lake	£10,995
11	61	ASTRA GTC TBO 1.6 3dr, White	£15,495
12	61	ASTRA ACTIVE 1.6 5dr, Technical Grey	£10,995
12	12	ASTRA EXCLUSIV 1.6 5dr, Royal Blue	£10,995
12	62	ASTRA EXCLUSIV 1.4 5dr, Waterworld	£12,995
13	62	ASTRA SE TBO 1.4 5dr, Deep Sky Blue	£15,995

Agila Selection — Only

11	61	AGILA SE 1.2 5dr, Steel Silver	£7,995

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07	57	MERIVA ENERGY 1.4 5dr, Silver	£4,995
09	09	MERIVA CLUB 1.6 5dr, Air Blue	£5,995
09	59	MERIVA CLUB 1.4 5dr, Black Sapphire	£5,995
12	12	MERIVA ACTIVE 1.4 5dr, Technical Grey	£9,995

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09	09	ZAFIRA BREEZE+ 1.8 5dr, Metro Blue	£8,495
10	60	ZAFIRA ACTIVE 1.8 5dr, Waterworld	£9,995

DUE SOON — Only

10	10	CORSA SRi 1.4 3dr, Silver Lake	£8,275
10	60	ZAFIRA ENERGY 1.6 5dr, Black Sapphire	£8,995
11	61	ZAFIRA EXCIETE 1.8 5dr, Silver	£9,995
07	07	ASTRA SRi X PACK 1.8 5dr, Black Sapphire	£5,495
10	60	ASTRA SE TBO 1.6 5dr, Star Silver	£10,495
09	59	INSIGNIA SRi TBO 2.0 4dr, Black Sapphire	£9,995

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12	12	COMBO SPORTIVE 1.3 5dr, Black Sapphire	£9,995
12	12	ASTRAVAN CDTi SPORTIVE 1.7 D 3dr, Star Silver	£10,995
12	12	MOVANO L3 H2 CDTi 2.3 5dr, White	£16,995
11	61	VIVARO SWB SPORTIVE CDTi 2.0 5dr, Star Silver	£12,995
12	12	VIVARO SPORTIVE LWB 2.0 5dr, Star Silver	£13,995

Other Makes Used Selection — Only

07	07	CHEVROLET KALOS SE 1.1 5dr, Blue	£2,495
08	08	CHEVROLET LTX CAPTIVA CDTi 2.0 5dr, Silver	£8,995
07	57	CITROEN C3 COOL 1.4 5df, Silver	£3,750
05	05	FORD FOCUS ZETEC 1.6 5dr, Silver	£3,675
05	05	HYUNDAI ACCENT 1.6 5dr, Blue	£1,999
06	06	MERCEDES-BENZ CLK 200 2dr, Blue	£10,995
02	02	MG TF CONVERTIBLE 1.8 2dr, Blue	£1,999
06	06	PEUGEOT 107 1.0 5dr, Yellow	£3,995
07	07	PEUGEOT 307 SPORT AUTOMATIC 1.6 5dr, Silver	£3,995
09	09	PEUGEOT 207 HDi GT 1.6 5dr, Red	£7,695
05	05	RENAULT SCENIC EXPRESSION 1.6 5dr, Silver	£3,000
04	54	SEAT ALHAMBRA TD 1.9 5dr, Blue	£4,680
08	08	TOYOTA AVENSIS 1.8 4dr, Grey	£5,495
09	59	TOYOTA YARIS 1.3 3dr, Red	£5,995
05	05	CORSA DESIGN AUTO 1.4 3dr, Silver	£3,595
06	06	CORSA 1.4 5dr, Ultra Blue	£3,995
07	07	ASTRA SPORT TWINTOP 1.8 2dr, Panacotta	£4,995
05	55	TIGRA SPORT 1.8 2dr, Star Silver	£4,495
07	07	VW POLO SE 1.4 AUTOMATIC 5dr, Blue	£5,625

DUE SOON — Only

06	06	PEUGEOT 207 GTi 1.6 3dr, White	£4,495
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By Steve Loader

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HIGH LIFE: Mazda is keen to highlight its energy-saving Skyactiv technology on the new '6', meaning buyers can still have a big car but save on fuel and road tax

CONCORDE was the venue for the UK press launch of the all-new third-generation Mazda6.

One link was 1967: the year Concorde first took to the air and Mazda arrived in the UK.

But the Japanese marque is also keen to emphasise energy-saving, wind-cheating Skyactiv technology in the new '6' – boundary-busting stuff of the kind the supersonic airliner championed 40 years ago, so I found myself being briefed aboard one of the surviving Concordes – sadly, now grounded forever.

Skyactiv, on the other hand, is expected to make Mazda6 sales take off by driving down emissions and fuel consumption spectacularly, and the new '6' (from £19,595) comes with impeccable styling, spacious cabin, generous equipment and highly competitive BiK (benefit-in-kind) tax ratings.

Mind you, would-be company-car user-choosers may be baffled to learn about i-Eloop, a clever new regenerative braking that saves the engine recharging the battery and adds up to 10 per cent to fuel economy.

Read it out and you could be listening to a Geoff Boycott cricket commentary: "The bowler's given that a bit of i-Eloop an't batsman's given it some ay-oop over mid-weeket!"

But i-Eloop is a six for the '6' towards an impressive innings on running costs for a relatively large car: an official combined fuel consumption of 67.3mpg, best-in-class CO_2 emissions from a supermini-like 108g/km, and BiK tax as low as £52 a month. Along with generous spec, that beats mainstream company-car rivals, while snobbish user-choosers might even weigh the car against a BMW, Audi or Merc.

Private buyers could think again, too.

As Canterbury Mazda's dealer principal Kevin Ferrell put it: "Downsizing might be all the rage, but soaring fuel prices is the main reason people do it. The new Mazda6 means they can stay with or go back to a bigger car, saving on fuel and road tax, too."

The car looks elegant and classy in saloon or tourer (estate) format, the former having the four-door coupé profile that is in vogue.

Weight-saving and efficiency gains from Skyactiv are also evident on the road, with pin-sharp handling, minimal body roll and good refinement and response from all engine options – the slick gearshifting is typical Mazda.

However, it is not a one-way street; whether it's the strong yet light construction or a lack of attention to NVH (noise, vibration and harshness), there is some intrusion of road and suspension noise at times, disturbing the car's overall serenity.

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Northfleet School for Girls
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Recently rebuilt, this Co-Operative Learning Trust School offers an exciting opportunity to teach in a collegiate atmosphere where our motto "Always Learning, Learning All Ways" applies to everyone. The school has a strong sense of community and a belief in the values of self and social responsibility.

Our Progression Mentor and Careers Guidance Co-Ordinator will deliver and develop our careers education and guidance programme working closely with the school's Leadership Team and other key stakeholders as well as mentoring and supporting students and families to help them overcome barriers to progress into Post 16 and Higher Education.

FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION FORM, AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE - www.northfleetgirls.kent.sch.uk

Closing date for Applications: Noon, Friday 1 March 2013
Interviews anticipated: w/c 11 March 2013

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Swale Academies Trust

Westlands School

Westlands Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1PF

Pastoral Support Manager

Required for immediate start
Salary range £16,961 - £18,656

We are seeking a full time member of staff who will join our Pastoral Support Team working with one of four Learning Communities. Duties will include dealing with behaviour management, supporting pupils with attendance, uniform and other pastoral needs as well as liaising with parents

This is a non-teaching full time post and would suit someone with excellent communication skills and an understanding of how the teenage mind works!

An ability to multitask and experience of working with young people is essential.

Best Eight value added scores place the school in the top 10% of schools nationally.

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Contact Details
Tel: 01795 477475 Fax: 01795 479461
Email swa@westlands.kent.sch.uk
Trust Principal: Mr J Whitcombe MA
Head of School Mr S Cox MA

Swale Academies Trust Company No 7344732
Registered Office: Ashdown House,
Johnson Road, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 1JS

project Salus

Kent Anti-Bullying Co-ordinator

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For more information please contact Sally Williamson on 07725 595722.

For an application pack please contact Katie Ling on 07725 595727 or at Katie.ling@projectsalus.co.uk

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Northfleet School for Girls

Opportunities at Northfleet School for Girls

Gravesend, Kent

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Subject Leader of Mathematics

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We seek an excellent practitioner who is a dynamic and innovative specialist Mathematics Teacher to lead our established, committed and successful team of five specialist mathematics teachers plus one Specialist Leader of Education as we move forward in transforming learning.

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Teacher of English
Teacher of History

(MFL as a second subject desirable)

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Closing date for Applications: Noon, Friday 1 March 2013
Interviews anticipated: w/c 11 March 2013

Bradstow School

Bradstow is a creative and unique residential school for children between the ages of 5 & 19. It is situated in 13 acres of parkland just a few hundred metres from the sandy beaches of Broadstairs. We seek to meet the needs of children and young people with autism and severe learning difficulties with associated behaviours that may be challenging. We have achieved national recognition for our developments in Communication and Behaviour Management.

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LIBRARY CO-ORDINATOR – Creative Literacy Practitioner

The successful applicant will be responsible for developing & maintaining a high quality multi-resourced central library facility, enabling access to the area & resources for pupils & staff of the school. This will include development & delivery of differentiated & age appropriate "Interactive Storytelling", & be responsible for supporting young people with Work Related Learning & work experience projects.

£19,518 - £21,016 per annum - 37 hours per week, Mon-Fri - Term time only, plus two weeks*

ICT SUPPORT TECHNICIAN – 1 Year Contract

The successful applicant will be responsible for assisting the Data Manager in providing ICT support throughout the school.

£17,161 - £21,519 (dependant on experience) - All Year Round

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS (Team Support Workers – Education)

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers in the school.

£12,689 per annum - 37½ hours per week, 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m. Mon-Fri - Term time only, plus 2 weeks*

INDIVIDUAL LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting teachers in the classrooms and have a particular responsibility towards one teaching group.

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£7,250 - £7,489 per annum - 25 hours per week, 4pm - 7pm Mon-Fri - Term time only, plus 2 weeks*

*For these roles there will also be up to a maximum of two weeks for the school's respite care provision if required, for which extra payment would be paid.

For all posts we look for candidates who are mature, warm, creative and open to learning with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children.

We are committed to sustainability and preserving the environment and therefore encourage applications by email, so for an application form and information pack please email personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk

Or you may call 01843 608727 (24 hour recruitment answer machine).

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Section 237 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

We give notice that the following areas of land in the ownership of The Swale Borough Council have been appropriated for planning purposes under section 237 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Approval to appropriate was granted by the Cabinet on 6th June 2012 and was completed under delegated authority by the Regeneration Director on 11th October 2012.

- Cockleshell Walk Car Park
- Spring Street Car Park
- Eurolink Way Waste Depot Site Milton Road
- The Forum Car Park - Area owned by the Council
- Part of St Michaels Road Car Park
- Central Avenue and the Swallows Car Park
- Station Street Car Park
- Fountain Street group of properties comprising 55a Pembury Street and associated parking area and land at the junction of Fountain Street and Dover Street.
- Swale House - East Street

We give notice that these areas have been appropriated for planning purposes as part of the regeneration proposals for Sittingbourne Town Centre and detailed plans can be inspected by prior arrangement with;
Jill Read, Regeneration Projects Officer
Telephone 01795 417592, Email jillread@swale.gov.uk

Anyone who wishes to make representation about this appropriation should write to the Director of Regeneration, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT by the 10th March 2013.

P Raine
Director of Regeneration

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 17
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011

I give notice that Hanson Aggregates is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission to vary and remove conditions within planning permission DA/00/326 (primarily to extend the end date and allow the completion of sand and gravel extraction and restoration) at Joyce Green Farm, Joyce Green Lane, Dartford, Kent and that the application is accompanied by an environmental statement.

Members of the public may inspect copies of: the application, the plans, the environmental statement at the offices of The Planning Applications Group, Environment & Regeneration Directorate, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX during all reasonable hours until 15 March 2013.

Alternatively, details of the application can be viewed on the County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications using application reference KCC/DA/0299/2012.

Copies of the Environmental Statement may also be obtained from Steve Lamb at Quarryplan (GB) Limited, agents for Hanson, at the following address: Unit 12A The Borough Mall, Wedmore, Somerset BS28 4EB Tel: 01934 713741 steve@quarryplan.co.uk

The costs of the Environmental Statement are as follows:

CD of the full submission - £10.00.

Hard copy Volume 1 - Non-technical Summary - £10.00.

Hard copy Volume 2 - Environmental Statement - £35.00.

Hard copy Volume 3 - Technical Reports - £50.00.

Anyone who wishes to make representations in relation to this application should submit comments online via the County Council website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Environment & Regeneration Directorate, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX by 15 March 2013. Please quote the application reference number KCC/DA/0299/2012 and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982
Licensing of Sex Establishment

Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council by Tracey Jane Whitmore, 4B Dargets Road, Walderslade, Chatham, Kent ME58BH, for the renewal of a Licence for a Sex Shop at the premises know as Vibez UK Ltd, situated at Unit 3; 2M Trade Park, Beddow Way. Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BT.

Any comments/objections to the application should be made in writing to The Chief Solicitor Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4LZ, by no later than 17th March 2013.

Swale

Number of signatures required on a petition for a referendum on whether the Borough should change its governance arrangements

The Borough Council is required, by the Local Government Act 2000, to publish the minimum number of signatures which would be needed to support a valid petition requiring the Council to hold a referendum on whether or not the Borough should start to operate the mayor and cabinet executive or committee system.

The minimum number of signatures (equivalent to 5% of the Borough's local government electorate) is 4929.

The above number will apply to any petition submitted to the Borough Council before 1 April 2014. However, a new number will be published in February 2014 and if the new number is less than 4929, then the new number will apply from the date it is published.

Abdool Kara, Electorial Registration Officer
Swale House, East Street
Sittingbourne
Kent, ME10 3HT — 15 February 2013

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Anglo-French Euro Removals Limited of Unit 15 Heronden Road, Maidstone, ME15 9YR is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To add an operating centre to keep 3 goods vehicles and 3 trailers at Unit 15 Heronden Road, Maidstone, ME15 9YR

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982
Part III Schedule 4 Paragraph 2

STREET TRADING: TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL hereby give notice pursuant to Paragraph 2 of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 of its intention to pass a resolution to designate certain streets in Tunbridge Wells as consent streets, a draft of which appears below.

Draft Resolution

That the following streets, or parts of streets, in Tunbridge Wells be designated as consent streets, in accordance with Schedule 4, Paragraph 2 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982: a) Calverley Road between its junctions with Mount Pleasant Road and Camden Road and b) Camden Road, between its junctions with Quarry Road and Garden Road.

Representations to the above may be made in writing to the Council within 28 days of the date of this publication to the Senior Licensing Officer at the address below. Or email to sharon.degiorgio@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

Dated **16 February 2013**

Head of Environment & Street Scene
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN1 1RS

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/DA/0031/2013 - Proposed development at Stone Pit 1, Cotton Lane, Stone, Dartford, Kent, DA9 9ED.

S Walsh & Sons Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the importation and recovery of 490,000m3 of inert material to achieve a sustainable landform with restoration to green amenity space with biodiversity benefits and temporary ancillary operations including internal access road, weighbridge, site office, welfare facilities, parking and wheelwash.

You may view this application at Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR.

KCC/GR/0032/2013 - Proposed development at St Botolphs C of E Primary School, Dover Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 9PL.

Kent County Council is applying to Kent County Council Planning Applications Group for planning permission for a new two storey building to accommodate eight classrooms inclusive of welfare facilities. Extension to existing staff room and hall, and 11 additional staff car parking spaces. Creation of a parents dropping off area, with a new entrance and exit off Dover Road.

You may view this application at Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU.

KCC/SH/0416/2012 - Proposed development at Sellindge Wastewater Treatment Works, Church Lane, Sellindge, Kent.

Southern Water Services Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the provision of sampling kiosk, ferric dosing unit, stand by generator and fuel tank, inlet works, Motor Control Centre kiosk and addition to existing Motor Control Centre kiosk.

You may view this application at Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY.

KCC/TM/0040/2013 - Proposed development at Hermitage Quarry, Hermitage Lane, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7PX.

Gallagher Aggregates Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for a variation to the approved recycling scheme pursuant to condition (20) of TM/95/761 to enable soil blending with imported compost.

You may view this application at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the District Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 17 February 2013

Kent County Council

Canterbury City Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Canterbury City Council has made the above Order under Sections 32 and 35 of and Parts III and IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, with the consent of the Kent County Council under Section 39(3) of the said Act of 1984.

PART A

(i) The Order relates to the following car parks: Albin's, Beach Street, Bisson's, Black Griffin Lane, Castle Row, Castle Street, Chapel Street, Council Offices (Staff and Visitors), Cow Lane, Essex Street, Faversham Road Seasalter, Fountain Street, Franklyn House, Sturry, Gladstone Road, Gorrell Tank, Hampton Pier, Hawks Lane, Holman's Meadow, Keam's Yard, Kingsmead, Kingsmead Leisure Centre, King's Road, Longport, Market Street, Marlowe Theatre, Maynard Road, Memorial Park Herne Bay, Middle Wall, Millers Field, Neptune, New Dover Road Park and Ride, New Street, Northgate, North Lane, Notley Street, Orange Street, Oyster, Pound Lane, Queningate, Reculver Drive, Reculver Towers, Regent Street, Riverside Children's Centre, Rosemary Lane, Rye's, Salt Marsh Lane, St John's Lane, St Peter's Grove, St Radigund's, School Lane, Shaftesbury Road (North and South), Southern Way, Station Road West, Sturry Road Park and Ride, Swalecliffe Avenue, Sydenham Street, Tankerton Road, Tower Way, Toddlers Cove, Victoria Recreation Ground, Victoria Street, Watling Street, Whitefriars, Whitstable Harbour, Whitstable Swimming Pool, William Street, Wincheap Park and Ride, Windsor House and Canterbury Coach Park.

(ii) Unless otherwise stated the above car parks are only available for use by:

(a) Motor Cars and Solo Motor Cycles

(b) Private light goods vehicles not exceeding 1.5 tonnes unladen weight and

(c) Minibuses and Motor Caravans if they fit within a marked bay

and the maximum period of waiting is 24 hours; except that where specifically delineated bays are available in car parks they are to be used only by a disabled person's vehicle displaying a disabled person's badge for a maximum of three hours in Pay and Display car parks on a free of charge basis after which payment must be made. In exceptional circumstances a permit may be available for those in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (Mobility Component at the Higher Rate) who live and/or work in the City subject to an administration charge of £12.50 (inclusive of VAT). The applicant for these permits will have to attend in person and show a current Blue Badge.

(iii) St Radigund's car park, Canterbury is available for public service vehicles displaying a permit issued by the Council and by motor cars and by private light goods vehicles not exceeding 1.5 tonnes unladen weight and by minibuses and motor caravans not exceeding 5.5m in length.

(iv) The maximum period of waiting in the Kingsmead Leisure Centre car park, Canterbury, is three hours in any 12 hour period and it is available for minibuses, motor cars, motorcycles, private light goods vehicles and public service vehicles in the bays provided.

(v) Canterbury Coach Park, Canterbury, is available for coaches, public service vehicles, minibuses and motor caravans. The Kingsmead car park will be used as an overflow coach park when necessary.

(vi) Gorrell Tank car park, Whitstable, is available for motor cars and private light goods vehicles and market traders' vehicles not exceeding 2.5 tonnes unladen weight, except for maintenance vehicles used in connection with the Pumping Station.

(vii) Orange Street car park, Canterbury, is only available for vehicles displaying a disabled person's badge.

(viii) Chapel Street car park, Herne Bay, is available for vehicles displaying a disabled person's badge during the day on Mondays to Saturdays and for vehicles displaying a residents' permit overnight and on Sundays.

(ix) William Street car park, Herne Bay, is available for coaches, public service vehicles, motor cars, private light goods vehicles and commercial vehicles.

(x) Neptune car park, Herne Bay, is available for motor cars, private light goods vehicles, public service vehicles and vehicles with trailers and trailers in the bays provided.

(xi) Albin's, Bisson's, Black Griffin Lane, Essex Street, Fountain Street, Hawk's Lane, New Street, Notley Street, Regent Street, Rye's, St John's Lane, St Peter's Grove, Salt Marsh Lane, Southern Way, Sydenham Street and Tower Way car parks are available for any period for vehicles displaying a residents' parking permit purchased from the Council. The permits are purchased annually and last for one year. They may no longer be available for those who hold an on-street parking permit. The cost of the residents' parking permits in respect of the car parks within Canterbury will be £340 per annum and £88 per annum for those in Whitstable except for the Sydenham Street which will be £20 per annum (all inclusive of VAT). A card for sites with barrier controlled access is available at a fee of £30. Franklyn House, Sturry and Windsor House, Whitstable car parks are available for permit holders only.

(xii) The Council Offices staff car park is available to persons resorting to the Council Offices for employment purposes in the spaces indicated who are displaying a valid staff parking permit, and on Saturdays and Sundays only, for the public. Solo motorcycles or motorcycles with side cars may also be parked in the spaces indicated. The Council Offices visitor car park is available to persons resorting to the Council Offices for business purposes for a maximum of four hours unless a special permit is displayed.

(xiii) Tankerton Road car park is also available for public service vehicles in the bays provided.

(xiv) Whitstable Swimming Pool car park is available for motor cars, minibuses and private light goods vehicles. The parking fee is no longer refunded to users of the adjacent ten pin bowling facility.

(xv) Holders of a business users reserved space permit are allowed to park their vehicles in Hawks Lane, Pound Lane, Rosemary Lane, St John's Lane and St Radigund's car parks. The holders of business users permits are able to park in any Canterbury pay and display car park except for North Lane, Pound Lane, Queningate and Watling Street car parks. The holders of a Castle Street business user permit may park in that car park between 7am and 11pm on any day.

(xvi) The holders of a Herne Bay Business User permit are allowed to park their vehicles in Beach Street, King's Road, Market Street, Neptune and William Street car parks.

(xvii) Holders of a Whitstable Business User permit are allowed to park their vehicles in Gladstone Road, Gorrell Tank, Keam's Yard, Middle Wall, Shaftesbury Road, Tankerton Road and Victoria Street car parks.

(xviii) Canterbury market trader permits are available for use in the Longport car park on Wednesdays or Fridays only at a cost of £175 per annum and on Wednesdays and Fridays at a cost of £350 per annum. A Herne Bay Market Trader Permit is also available for use in the William Street Car Park on Saturdays at a cost of £32 per annum and a Whitstable Market Trader permit is also available for use in Gorrell Tank car park on Thursdays at a cost of £32 per annum (all prices inclusive of VAT).

(xix) Permits are only available on production of a valid full driving licence.

(xx) The definition of the parking arrangements for the Marlowe Theatre have been amended.

(xxi) Commercial vehicles are able to load and unload in the Station Road West car park whilst making deliveries to Sainsbury's in St Dunstan's Street.

(xxii) Holman's Meadow car park has become a central premium car park.

(xxiii) The maximum charge for Gorrell Tank car park, Whitstable will be removed.

(xxiv) Any person who has an outstanding penalty charge notice against them will not be granted any permit for use in the Council's car parks.

PART B

The Order provides the following scale of charges with effect from 1 April 2013:

Car Park	Charge
(i) **Whitefriars** (Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)	
Between 6am and 6pm:	
Sunday to Friday:	
Minimum fee	£1.70
Per hour	£1.70
Saturdays:	
Minimum fee	£3.40
Per hour thereafter	£1.70
Over 5 hours	£20
Between 6pm and 12 midnight:	
Any period	£1.70
(No entry after 12 midnight)	

NOTE 1: Lost ticket charge £20

NOTE 2: Shop mobility users may park for up to three hours free of charge

(ii) **Central Premium, Canterbury – Holman's Meadow, Queningate, Watling Street** (Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)	
Between 7am and 9pm daily:	
Minimum fee	70p
Sunday to Friday:	
Per hour	£1.30
Saturday	
Per hour	£1.50

NOTE 1: Watling Street car park is free after 6pm on Thursday.

(iii) **Central, Canterbury – Castle Row, Millers Field, North Lane, Pound Lane, Rosemary Lane and St Radigund's** (Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)	
Between 7am and 9pm daily:	
Minimum fee	70p
Per hour	£1.10
Castle Street	
Between 7am and 11pm daily:	
Minimum fee	70p
Per hour	£1.10

NOTE 1: Lost ticket charge for Castle Street £20

NOTE 2: Release fee for Castle Street is £50

NOTE 3: North Lane has free parking for up to 20 minutes in specified marked bays.

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(iv) **Outer, Canterbury –**
Longport, Northgate and Station Road West
(Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)
Between 7am and 9pm daily:

Minimum fee	70p
Per hour	£1

NOTE 1: Station Road West has free parking for up to 20 minutes in specified marked bays.

(v) **Recreation Ground Car Parks, Canterbury –**
Toddlers Cove and Victoria Recreation Ground
(Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)
Between 7am and 9pm daily:

Toddlers Cove	
Up to 2 hours	10p
Over 2 hours an hourly rate of	£1
Victoria Recreation Ground	
Up to 3 hours	10p
Over 3 hours an hourly rate of	£1

(vi) **Other Canterbury car parks –**
Cow Lane, Kingsmead and Maynard Road
(Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)
Between 7am and 9pm daily:

Up to 5 hours	80p**
5 to 24 hours	£2.20
Kingsmead Leisure Centre	
Up to 3 hours	£3**

**This fee for the Kingsmead and Kingsmead Leisure Centre car parks is refunded on admission to users of the Kingsmead Leisure Centre. Motorcycles are free of charge.

(vii) **Long Stay, Herne Bay –**
Beach Street, King's Road* and Market Street
(Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)
Between 8.30am and 8pm:

Minimum fee	30p
Per hour	60p
Maximum charge	£3

*Not available on Saturday, some Sundays and Bank Holidays as a car park.

School Lane, Herne and Reculver Towers, Reculver (Motor cars, etc, as permitted)
Between 8am and 6pm daily:

Up to 30 minutes	20p
30 minutes to 2 hours	40p
2 to 24 hours	£1

(viii) **Short Stay, Herne Bay –**
William Street (Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)
Between 8.30am and 8pm daily:

Minimum fee	40p
Per hour	80p

A maximum fee of £2.40 will be refunded upon admission to those persons using Herons Leisure Centre.

(ix) **Neptune** (Motor Cars only)
Between 8.30am and 8pm daily:

Minimum fee	40p
Per hour	80p

Neptune (Motor Cars with Trailers or trailers only)
Good Friday to 30 September

Any period	£11

Neptune (Motor Cars with Trailers or trailers only)
1 October to Maundy Thursday

Any period	£1.80

(x) **Whitstable Short Stay –**
Gladstone Road, Keam's Yard, Middle Wall, Shaftesbury Road and Victoria Street (Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)
Between 8.30am and 8pm daily:

Minimum fee	40p
Per hour	80p

(xi) **Whitstable Harbour –**
Harbour (Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)
Between 8.30am and 8pm daily:

Up to 30 minutes	60p
30 minutes to 1 hour	90p
1 to 2 hours	£3
Over 2 hours Charge incurred	Penalty
Oyster (Motor Cars etc)	
Up to 30 minutes	60p
30 minutes to 1 hour	90p
1 to 3 hours	£3
3 to 5 hours	£3.50
5 to 24 hours	£4.60

NOTE: The Harbour car park is not available for holders of Whitstable Business User or Residents' Permits.

(xii) **Whitstable Long Stay –**
Gorrell Tank and Tankerton Road (Motor Cars, etc, as permitted)
Between 8.30am and 8pm

Minimum fee	30p
Per hour	60p
Maximum charge	£3

NOTE: The maximum charge applies to Tankerton Road Car Park only.

(xiii) **Other Whitstable –**
Whitstable Swimming Pool
Between 7am and 10pm daily:

Any period	£1**

**NOTE 1: This fee will be refunded on admission to users of the Swimming Pool.

NOTE 2: The Swimming Pool car park is not available for holders of Whitstable Business User or Residents' Permits.

(xiv) Park and Ride Service
New Dover Road, Sturry Road and Wincheap, Canterbury

per day or part thereof	£3

(xv) Charges for Public Service Vehicles and Commercial Vehicles exceeding 2.5 tonnes unladen weight (as permitted):
Canterbury Coach Park and Kingsmead car park (coaches, minibuses, motor caravans)

Per 12 hours	£10

William Street and Neptune, Herne Bay and Tankerton Road, Whitstable

per day or part thereof	£3

(xvi) All other car parks Free
(Except those referred to in Part A (xi))

(xvii) **Permits – all prices are per annum and inclusive of VAT.**
Business User

Canterbury reserved space	£843
Canterbury	£665
Castle Street	£775
Herne Bay and Whitstable	£112
Whitstable Harbour	£100

Accommodation permits – available at £2 each and a Canterbury 24 hour permit available at £6 each with minimum purchases of 10 and 10% discount if 50 or more are purchased.

Worshippers Permit (available to park a motor car in named car parks for residents of the district, to Quakers resident in Swale district and to Anglican Catholic Church members resident in the Ashford district attending a service of worship on a regular basis)
Free but an administrative charge of £30 per new permit

Residents' off peak permit (limited) (available for residents to park a specified vehicle between 5pm on one day and 9am on the following day and all day on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays in all car parks except for Watling Street, Castle Street, Whitefriars, Kingsmead Leisure Centre and the Park and Ride car parks) £156

Residents' off-street permit (full) (available for residents to park a specified vehicle at any time in all car parks except for Watling Street, Castle Street, Whitefriars, Kingsmead Leisure Centre and the Park and Ride car parks) £560

Castle Street Residents' permit £575

Station Road West car park rail user permit available for rail season ticket holders to park on Mondays to Fridays £88 per month

Residents' permit for residents of Herne Bay and Whitstable for the parking of motor cars in all car parks in Herne Bay and Whitstable respectively other than Whitstable Harbour and the Swimming Pool car parks. £112

School Lane Residents Permit for the parking of a motor car in School Lane car park, Herne £112

(xvii) Pay and Display payment card
Discount of 10% for all pay and display car parks

(xviii) Park and Ride payment card
Discount of 20% for all Park and Ride car parks

(xix) Neptune car park parking card, Herne Bay (for commercial fishermen and regular users to park at any time in that car park).
50% discount rate of normal fee

(xx) Administration Fee
£10 per amendment

(xxi) Penalty charge – payable in the event of non or insufficient payment of above fees or any breach of the Order.
£70 or £50 PROVIDED that the penalty charge shall be reduced to £35 or £25 if payment is received by the Director of Resources within 14 days of the date on which the penalty charge was issued (or any other amount recommended by the Secretary of State for the time being and approved by Members of the Council.)

(NOTE: The above charges apply every day of the week including Bank Holidays unless stated).

Any of the car parks listed above, or parts thereof, may be closed by the Council when required for a purpose of the Council or authorised by them.

A copy of the Order may be examined at the Council's Offices as follows:

Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent.	Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm
Herne Bay Divisional Office, William Street, Herne Bay	Monday to Friday 8.45am to 4.45pm Saturday 9.30am to 1pm

If you wish to question the validity of the Order, or any provision contained in it, on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the 1984 Act or on the grounds that any requirement of any Act or of any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from 8 February 2013, apply to the High Court of this purpose.

Dated this 17th day of February 2013.

Colin Carmichael
Chief Executive
Canterbury City Council
Military Road
Canterbury
CT1 1YW

PLANNING

Folkestone
Hythe & Romney Marsh
Shepway District Council

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y13/0074/SH# - The Britannia Dungeness Road Dungeness Romney Marsh Kent - Retrospective application for the erection of a detached garage.

Y13/0095/SH# - Swallows New Hall Close Dymchurch Romney Marsh Kent - Crown reduction of a Sycamore tree (T1) situated within a conservation area comprising the reduction in height by a maximum of 4 metres and the reduction of lateral limbs by a maximum of 4 metres.

Y13/0029/SH# - Land rear Vine House 62 High Street Lydd Kent - Erection of a single storey detached dwelling and detached garage.

Y13/0090/SH+ - Rosemount House 2B Castle Road Hythe Kent CT21 5EY - Various pruning works to eight trees subject of Tree Preservation Order No.7 of 1995.

Y13/0068/SH+ - 11 High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AE - Display of internally illuminated fascia sign and internally illuminated projecting sign.

Y13/0077/SH+ - 35 Dymchurch Road Hythe Kent CT21 6JE - Change of use from retail shop (Class A1) to office use (Class A2/B1) and physiotherapy practice (Class D1) and internal and external alterations, including new glazed front (amendment to application Y11/1179/SH).

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

\+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

13/00223/HOUSE Limes Cranbrook Road, Benenden
- Widening of existing hedge opening to 4m to create new access and construction of driveway over existing pathway (LB) (CA)

13/00093/FUL The Forum The Common, Broadwater
- Temporary light installation with frame, maximum 3.5 metres high above roof for six months (CA)

13/00066/FUL 28 Mount Ephraim Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Extension into existing courtyard, internal alteration to flat and formation of new access to flat. Replacement of one window and formation of new external doorway (CA) (LB)

13/00067/LBC 28 Mount Ephraim Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Listed Building Consent: Extension into existing courtyard, internal alteration to flat and formation of new access to flat. Replacement of one window and formation of new external doorway (LB)

13/00240/LBC Summerhill House 73 London Road, Culverden
- Listed Building Consent: 1. Remove recently added fireplace in room no. G.07, 2; Remove wall and door between G.06 and G.07 and create an open space between the three rear rooms G.06, G.07 and G.13, 3; Remove fireplace in room F.01, 4; Remove fireplace in room F.08, 5; Remove wall and door between rooms F.07 and F.11 and raise the floor in room F.11 to level with room F.07 by adding three steps (LB)

13/00249/FUL Pitcher & Piano 3 - 5 Church Road, Culverden
- Flat roof extension at rear to accommodation additional W.C. facilities; Additional timber smoking shelter with built in timber seating to rear patio area (CA)

13/00189/HOUSE Little Mill House Church Road, Goudhurst
- Demolition of workshop, garage and greenhouse, erection of single storey rear extension, two storey side extension, detached double garage and other internal and external alterations (LB) (CA)

13/00190/LBC Little Mill House Church Road, Goudhurst

- Listed Building Consent: Demolition of workshop, garage and greenhouse, erection of single storey rear extension, two storey side extension, detached double garage and other internal and external alterations (LB)

12/03523/HOUSE Delmonden Manor House Delmonden Lane, Hawkhurst
- Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage with studio accommodation above (LB)

13/00218/FUL First Floor Maisonette 82 Prospect Road, Park
- Rear dormer (CA)

13/00221/HOUSE 7 Camden Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Demolish existing extension and construct a new single storey extension (CA)

13/00225/CAC 7 Camden Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Conservation area consent - demolish existing extension (CA)

13/00056/FULMJ Notcutts Garden Centre Tonbridge Road, Pembury
- New garden centre with associated parking and access for Notcutts Ltd (DEVPLN) (MAJOR)

12/03565/HOUSE 13 Holden Corner Southborough, Southborough Town Council
- Room in roof, provision of rear french doors and internal structural alterations (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall
Royal Tunbridge Wells
TN1 1RS

Dated: 16 February 2013

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/12/1541/S - LAND OFF, TOVIL GREEN, TOVIL, MAIDSTONE - Erection of four blocks of two and three-storey terraced houses comprising 12 two-bedroom and 12 three-bedroom houses for affordable rent with associated private amenity space and car parking. **Reason: 6 9**

MA/12/2113/S - PLOT 6 - 10 REAR OF THE MEADOWS, LENHAM ROAD, HEADCORN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, TN27 9LG - Use of land as residential to provide 5 plots for gypsy families, with a total of 5 mobile homes, 10 touring caravans and 5 utility blocks with associated works. **Reason: 6**

MA/13/0095/N - COURT LODGE FARM, THE STREET, BOXLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3DX - Erection of a new side entrance porch. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/13/0096/N - COURT LODGE FARM, THE STREET, BOXLEY, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3DX - Application for listed building consent to demolish existing side entrance and erection of a new side entrance porch. **Reason: 2 3**

MA/13/0105/S - WIERTON HALL FARM, EAST HALL HILL, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4JU - Erection of detached annexe. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0128/N - THE COACH HOUSE, ASHFORD ROAD, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4NN - Erection of an attached garage and installation of replacement entrance gates. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0129/N - THE COACH HOUSE, ASHFORD ROAD, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4NN - Listed building consent for the erection of an attached garage, replacement of front door to front elevation and installation of bi-fold doors to existing garage. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0166/N - 24 - 26, HOLLINGWORTH COURT TURKEY MILL, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5PP - Change of use of third floor from office storage to caretaker's flat. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0167/N - 24 - 26, HOLLINGWORTH COURT TURKEY MILL, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5PP - An application for listed building consent for works to facilitate the change of use of the third floor from office storage to a caretaker's flat. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0170/S - THE WOODYARD, EAST STREET, HUNTON, HUNTON, KENT, ME15 0RA - Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment to provide one dwelling and detached garage. **Reason: 9**

MA/13/0184/S - 65, HIGH STREET, HEADCORN, ASHFORD, KENT, TN27 9QA - Remove external wall covering to front and part of the side of lean to garage and replace with timber cladding with brick plinth. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/13/0186/S - KENT MART, CHURCH GREEN, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9HS - Erection of a single storey side extension and rear staircase to provide new access to existing first floor flat. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/13/0187/S - 2, CHURCH VILLAS, CHURCH STREET, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0BX - Replacement of 3(no) wooden single glazed windows with wooden double glazed windows. **Reason: 1 2**

Reasons for advertisement key:

1 -Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 -Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 -Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 -Application is Major Development.
9 -Application does not accord with the Local Plan.

MAIDSTONE Borough Council

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **3rd March 2013** quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 17th February 2013.

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Canterbury City Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Canterbury City Council will be held at The Guildhall, Westgate, Canterbury at 7pm on Thursday 21 February 2013.

Colin Carmichael, Chief Executive
Canterbury City Council,
Military Road
Canterbury CT1 1YW

Swale Borough Council

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
4. The application would affect a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) applies.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 04 MARCH 2013

SW/12/1243:
Outline application for residential development (about 50 dwellings) and public open space with wildlife area - Four Gun Field, Otterham Quay Lane, UPCHURCH; **REASONS 3, 4 & 6**

SW/12/1423:
Erection of retaining wall and excavation to form pond and terracing (retrospective) and erection of estate fence. Plus change of use of part of site from agricultural to garden use (ancillary residential) - Harefield House, Hogbens Hill, SELLING; **REASONS 1,2 & 3**

SW/12/1534:
Proposed two storey side and rear extension with new porch - 3 Cellar Hill, LYNSTED; **REASON 1**

SW/13/0095 & SW/13/0095:
Construction of single storey rear extension plus new pitched roof to replace flat roof to rear back addition - 25 Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 1 & 2**

SW/13/0104:
Retrospective application for an existing security hut - Dunster House, Staplestreet Road, GRAVENEY; **REASON 3**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

Folkestone
Hythe & Romney Marsh
Shepway District Council

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13(3) OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Proposed development at Land 1085 Metres South West Lydd Model Flying Club Site, Midley Wall, Old Romney, Kent

I give notice that Airvolution Energy Limited is applying to Shepway District Council for planning permission for a wind energy development comprising the erection of four wind turbines, each with a maximum height to blade tip of 126.5 metres together with a substation and control building, associated hardstandings, an improved access junction, connecting internal access tracks and water crossings and other related infrastructure, being accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application (reference Y13/0048/SH)
- The plans
- The environmental statement
- Other documents submitted with the application

A copy of the application including the plans and Environmental Statement may be inspected at:

- The Civic Centre, Folkestone, 8.30 am - 5.00 pm weekdays, except Wednesday 9.30 am - 5.00 pm.
- Online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/. Please allow up to five working days from the date of this letter for the details to be available.
- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney - Tuesdays and Fridays 9 am - 12.30 pm. PLEASE NOTE: A planning officer is also available without appointment at the One Stop Shop every Friday between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm to discuss applications relating to the Romney Marsh area.

Members of the Public may also obtain copies of the Environmental Statement from Ref: Ave, Planning, Savills, Wessex House, Wimborne, Dorset, BH21 1BN at a charge of £250 for a paper copy or £5 for a CD version.

Anyone who wishes to make representation can do so in writing to the Council at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or by e-mail to planning@shepway.gov.uk ensuring you include your full postal address and quoting the application number within a period of 21 days commencing on the date of publication of the notice.

Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//13/00016/FUL: Reeves Way, Whitstable, CT5 2SS Car park extension. **Applicant: G W Developments** Reason: Contrary to the development plan.

CA//13/00020/FUL: Rochester House, St George's Place, Canterbury, CT1 1UT The proposal is to install a new 450kVA generator within an acoustic enclosure in the basement car park of Rochester House. The generator requires a remote dry air cooler and fuel tank which is to be located within an existing fenced compound at the side of the building onto Upper Chantry Lane. The exhaust for the generator will need to be terminated above roof level and so a new exhaust pipe is proposed to the side of the building. **Applicant: Mr Thrower** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00157/FUL: Victoria Lodge, Victoria Mews, Regent Street, Whitstable, CT5 1FH Conversion and extension into single dwelling. **Applicant: Mr M Carpenter** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00182/FUL: 20 Bank Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5EA Change of use to Use Class A4 (micro pub), ground floor only to be used. **Applicant: Mr Wicks** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00193/FUL: 15 Derringstone Downs, Barham, CT4 6QE External cladding of exposed walls to prevent rain penetration. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Archer** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00209/FUL: 68 Spenser Road, Herne Bay, CT6 5QW Replacement of front door and five windows. **Applicant: Mr Drake** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00215/LB: 3 Knott's Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2AQ Removal of modern false chimney and blocking up of door opening. **Applicant: Mrs Pritchard** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//13/00226/FUL: Salix Lodge, The Drove, Chestfield, CT5 3NX Erection of covered car parking. **Applicant: Mr C Hunt** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00228/FUL: Plots 1 and 2 The Oast, Shalmsford Farm, Shalmsford Street, Chartham Demolition of existing Oast building and construction of replacement building to provide 2 no. dwellings. **Applicant: Pentland Homes Limited** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA//13/00229/LB: Plots 1 and 2 The Oast, Shalmsford Farm, Shalmsford Street, Chartham Listed building consent for demolition of existing Oast building (Curtilage Listed) and construction of replacement building to provide 2 no. dwellings. **Applicant: Pentland Homes Limited** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//13/00237/FUL: The Pier, Central Parade, Herne Bay Erection of 18 retail kiosks and two flag poles on existing pier. **Applicant: Herne Bay Pier Trust** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00252/FUL: 72 Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, CT2 7LH Erection of first-floor extension. **Applicant: Mr Brown** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 11 March 2013.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 15 February 2013

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

BLACKWALL ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works as part of a project to install a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Blackwall Road, Ashford, on or after 18 February 2013 as shown below.

BLACKWALL ROAD will be closed between the junctions with Blackwall Road North / South and Goodcheap Lane from 18 February 2013 for up to 4 weeks.

The alternative route is via Blackwall Road North/South, A2070 Kennington Road, The Street, Hinxhill Road, Naccolt Road, Blackwall and Blackwall Road.

BLACKWALL ROAD NORTH will be closed between the junctions with Kennington Road and Blackwall Road from 4 March 2013 for up to 2 weeks.

The alternative route is via A2070 Kennington Road and Blackwall Road South.

Updated Ad A280H/1 - A28 Chart Road, Ashford - A280H (Phil)

A28 CHART ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

As part of a programme of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on sections of A28 Chart Road, Ashford, on or after 8 March 2013 as shown below.

TEMPLER WAY ROUNDABOUT

A28 Chart Road will be closed at the junction with Templer Way on 8 & 11 March, between 19:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night.

The roundabout and all approach roads will be closed, with the extent of each closure shown below:

A28 TEMPLAR WAY from the junction with Repton Avenue (Waitrose)

A28 CHART ROAD from the junction with Hilton Road

A28 CHART ROAD from the junction with Repton Manor Road

The alternative route is via A28 Chart Road, Brookfield Road, Leacon Road, Victoria Road, A2042 Beaver Road, A292 Elwick Road, Godinton Road, West Street, New Street, Chart Road and Maidstone Road

LOUDON WAY TRAFFIC LIGHTS

A28 Chart Road will be closed in two phases at the junction with Loudon Way

14- 22 March 2013 (excluding weekends) between 19:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night

PHASE 1 - Closed between Loudon Way and Hilton Road

PHASE 2 - Closed between Loudon Way and Brunswick Road

The alternative route for through traffic is via Chart Road, Brunswick Road, Hilton Road

Traffic will be able to access Loudon Way / Godinton Park Estate from one or other direction according to the location of the works, and will be controlled by temporary traffic signals.

HART HILL, CHARING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow safe access for telegraph pole replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hart Hill, Charing, on or after 5 March 2013 for up to 2 days, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours each day.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Stonestile Farm Road and Warren Street.

The alternative route is via Stonestile Farm Road and Warren Street.

HINXHILL ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow safe access to phone cables in the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hinxhill Road, Ashford, on or after 4 March 2013 for up to 1 day, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours.

A short section of Hinxhill Road will be closed between the junction with The Street and the short one-way spur leading to The Street, with no access from The Street into Hinxhill Road.

The alternative routes are

Eastbound (towards Hinxhill) via The Street, A20 Hythe Road, Bockham Lane, Plumpton and Hinxhill Road

Westbound (for any traffic unable to turn right from Hinxhill Road into The Street) via The Street, A20 Hythe Road, Willesborough Interchange and A2070 Kennington Road.

POT KILN LANE, BETHERSDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow safe access for telegraph pole works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pot Kiln Lane, Bethersden, on or after 4 March 2013 for up to 2 days, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Potteries Farm and Quilter's Cottage, with no through access between the junctions with Green Lane and Smarden Road (Bethersden Road).

The alternative route is via Harris Lane, Thurstons Lane, Cripple Hill, A28 Ashford Road and Bull Lane to Pot Kiln Lane.

ROMNEY MARSH ROAD, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

As part of a programme of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on sections of Romney Marsh Road, Ashford, on or after 4 March 2013, as shown below.

A2042 ROMNEY MARSH ROAD ROUNDABOUT

Romney Marsh Road will be closed where it meets Bad Munstereifel Road, on 4 - 7 March 2013 between 19:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night.

Further closures are likely the following week, between 11-14 March for the same times, to allow high-friction surfacing to be carried out.

The roundabout and all approach roads will be closed, with the extent of each closure shown below:

A2042 BAD MUNSTEREIFEL ROAD, from the junction with the A2070 Hamstreet Bypass ('Cloverleaf')

MALCOLM SARGENT ROAD, from the junction with Wotton Road

ROMNEY MARSH ROAD, from the junction with Norman Road (Designer Outlet / Asda Roundabout)

ROMNEY MARSH ROAD from the junction with Forestall Meadow (Park Farm)

The alternative route is via A2070 'Cloverleaf', Sheepfold Lane, Bluebell Road, Forestall Meadow, Ashford Road, Kingsnorth Road, B2229 Beaver Road and Norman Road

PARK FARM ESTATE ROUNDABOUT

Romney Marsh Road will be closed at the junctions with Ashford Road / Forestall Meadow on the following Saturday nights: 9 March & 16 March & 23 March 2013 between 19:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night (i.e. Saturday Nights only)

The roundabout and all approach roads will be closed, with the extent of each closure shown below:

ROMNEY MARSH ROAD, from the junction with Bad Munstereifel Road

FORESTALL MEADOW, from the junction with Moatfield Meadow

The alternative route for both closures is via Bluebell Road, Sheepfold Lane, A2070 Cloverleaf and A2042 Bad Munstereifel Road

ASHFORD ROAD, from the junction with Britannia Lane

ASHFORD ROAD, from the junction with Pound Lane

The alternative route for both closures is via Pound Lane, Millbank Road, Britannia Lane, Kingsnorth Road and Malcolm Sargent Road

SUSSEX AVENUE, STURGES ROAD & KENT AVENUE, ASHFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sussex Avenue, Sturges Road and Kent Avenue, Ashford, on or after 4 March 2013 as described below.

The three roads will be closed in succession, in phases for their entire lengths.

The roads will be closed from Monday 4 March 2013 for up to one week, for carriageway patching works, between 09:00 hours and 17:00 hours each day.

Micro-surfacing is planned for Saturday 23 March & Sunday 24 March 2013, between 07:00 and 19:00 hours each day, with the roads re-opened outside of these hours.

Additional closures will be required for a further 2 days within 14 days from completion of the surfacing, to allow for re-alignment of covers in the carriageway.

There is no alternative route, as such. The one-way Traffic Orders for the three roads will be suspended to allow limited access up to the point of closure, from either direction.

Arrangements are in place with Ashford Borough Council to suspend parking and provide alternative parking for residents in a nearby car park.

(VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF ASHFORD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT NO.29) ORDER 2013

Kent County Council in exercise of its powers under section 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47 and 124 and of Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, the Traffic Management Act 2004, the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations 2007 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act, hereby make the following Order:

The effect of the proposed named Order will be to;

a) Revoke the Order known as 'The Kent County Council (Leacon Lane, Westwell Leacon, District of Ashford (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2013'

b) Introduce new and amend existing 'no waiting at any time' restrictions (double yellow lines) in the lengths of road described below.

Streets or lengths of Street where waiting is proposed to be prohibited at any time at Charing in the Borough of Ashford

ASHFORD ROAD (A20) (LAYBY AT JUNCTION WITH LEACON LANE)

(1) On the south-western side;

(a) From a point 9.1 metres north-west of a point in line with the south-eastern building line of Rainbow Chinese Restaurant & Takeaway, Ashford Road extending in a south- easterly direction to its junction with Leacon Lane

(b) From a point 7.8 metres south-east of a point in line with the north-western building line of Corner House, Leacon Lane extending in a north-westerly direction to its junction with Leacon Lane

(2) On the north-eastern side from a point 9.1 metres north-west and opposite of a point in line with the south-eastern building line of Rainbow Chinese Restaurant & Takeaway, Ashford Road extending in a south-easterly direction to a point 7.8 metres south-east and opposite of a point in line with the north-western building line of Corner House, Leacon Lane.

LEACON LANE

(1) On the north-western side from a point 6.8 metres south-west of a point in line with the north-eastern building line of Rainbow Chinese Restaurant & Takeaway, Ashford Road extending in a north-easterly direction to its junction with Ashford Road (A20) (Layby at junction with Leacon Lane)

(2) On the south-eastern side from a point 4.9 metres south-west of a point in line with the north-eastern building line of Corner House, Ashford Road extending in a north-easterly direction to its junction with Ashford Road (A20) (Layby at junction with Leacon Lane)

Full details are contained in the proposed Order, any Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order and maps indicating the location and effect may be examined at the Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX and Ashford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL and at Kent Highway offices, Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford TN24 8AD during normal office hours.

Anyone wishing to support the new proposal or object to the proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 11th March 2013.

VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD AREA (RESURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

As part of a programme of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Ashford area, on or after 18 February 2013, on or after 18 February 2013.

The planned dates and times of the closures are as shown below, and every effort will be made to keep to this schedule.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates. These will be re-scheduled, with new dates as signposted and advised locally.

HUNTER AVENUE, ASHFORD - Closed between Twelve Acres and Bentley Road, on 18 February, between 08:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs

Alternative route via Bentley Road, Osborne Road.

HINXHILL ROAD, ASHFORD - Closed between the rear Emergency access to William Harvey Hospital and The Street, on 19 February, between 07:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs

Alternative route via Bockham Lane, A20 Hythe Road, A2070 Kennington Road and The Street.

KNOLL LANE, ASHFORD - Closed between B2229 Brookfield Road and Tithe Barn Lane, 20 - 26 February, between 09:30 hrs and 15:30 hrs

Alternative route via Singleton Hill, Bucksford Lane, Chart Road, Cuckoo Lane and B2229 Brookfield Road, Beaver Lane, Kingsnorth Road, Stanhope Road.

GOLDEN SQUARE, TENTERDEN - Closed for its entire length, 25 & 26 February 2013, between 07:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs

Alternative route via East Hill and Beacon Oak Road

CROWBRIDGE ROAD, ASHFORD - Closed between Mead Road and Swallowfield, 12 & 13 March, between 19:00 hrs and 05:00 hrs

Alternative Route - only suitable for vehicles less than 10' 9" (3.3 M) in height via Crowbridge Road, The Boulevard, A2070 Bad Munstereifel Road, A2042 Romney Marsh Road, Newtown Road

No vehicles over 10' 9" (3.3 M) in height will be able to use the diversion route, due to the limited height restriction under Newtown Road Railway Bridge.

ASHFORD ROAD, HAMSTREET - Closed between Hamstreet Primary School and B2067 Warehorne Road, 20 & 21 March 2013, between 19:00 hrs and 05:00 hrs

Alternative route via the A2070 Hamstreet Bypass

CHURCH ROAD, TENTERDEN - Closed for its entire length, 22 March 2013, between 19:00 hrs and 05:00 hrs

There is no alternative route, as the road is a No Through Road; every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so.

VARIOUS ROADS, RURAL ASHFORD (PRE-PATCHING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the rural part of the Ashford area, on or after 18 February 2013, as shown within.

HAM MILL LANE, WAREHORNE will be closed between the A2070 Ashford Road and Cuckolds Lane

Dates: 18 February to 22 February inclusive

Alternative route via A2070 Ashford Road, B2080 Rhee Wall Road and Cuckolds Lane

GILL LANE, MERSHAM will be closed between Roman Road and Chequer Tree Farm Road

Dates: 21 February to 27 February inclusive

Alternative route via Roman Road, Colliers Hill and Chequer Tree Farm Road

BRISLEY LANE, RUCKINGE will be closed between Stone Cross Road and Ashford Road

Dates: 28 February to 6 March inclusive

Alternative route via Stone Cross Road and Ashford Road

WORTEN ROAD, GREAT CHART (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new water main across a railway bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Worten Road, Great Chart, Ashford, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with Etchden Road.

The alternative route is via Etchden Road, Bears Lane, Bethersden Road, The Street, Park Drive, Waterfall Road, Godinton Lane and Worten Road.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

CROMWELL ROAD, WHITSTABLE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to build out kerbs as part of the Oyster Bay Cycle Trail, Kent County Council has made an

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Kent County Council

HIGHWAYS

Order prohibiting through traffic on Cromwell Road, Whitstable, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 3 nights, between 19:00 hrs and midnight each night

The road will initially be closed between the junctions with Regent Street and Railway Avenue for 1 night.

Please note that this section of Cromwell Road is part of the diversion for the closure of Belmont Road.

The road will then be closed between the junctions with Diamond Road and Woodlawn Street for 2 nights.

The alternative route is both closures is via B2205 Oxford Street, High Street, Sea Street and Harbour Street.

CYCLE TRACK FROM BEACONSFIELD ROAD PATH TO BEACONSFIELD ROAD, CANTERBURY (RESTRICTIONS ON CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to lay a duct in footway for cable media, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through use by cyclists and pedestrians of the Cycle Track from Beaconsfield Road Path to Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 4 days.

The closure affects the full length of cycle path, with limited access up to the point of closure.

The alternative route is via Beaconsfield Road Path and Beaconsfield Road.

GROVE FERRY LEVEL CROSSING, UPSTREET (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Grove Ferry Level Crossing, Upstreet, on or after 10 March 2013, as shown below.

Grove Ferry Hill will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The planned closure times are from Sunday 10 March 2013 at 01:00 hours through until Monday 11 March at 04:00 hours.

The alternative route is via Grove Ferry Road, Grove Road, Stourmouth Road, Preston Road, The Street, A253 Ramsgate Road, A28 Island Road, and Grove Ferry Hill.

A2990 (OLD) THANET WAY & CHESTFIELD ROUNDABOUT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

As part of a programme of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on the A2990 (Old) Thanet Way at Chestfield Roundabout, on or after 5 March 2013, as shown below.

A2990 (Old) Thanet Way will be closed at the junction with Chestfield Road, from 5 to 7 March 2013, between 20:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night

The closures will be in 2 phases, as follows

PHASE 1 - the southern section of the roundabout (i.e. westbound towards Whitstable) will be closed for 1 night on 5 March 2013

There will be no westbound through access on the (Old) Thanet Way from Greenhill Bridge Road (apart from local access).

The alternative route for A2990 Thanet Way westbound traffic is via B2205 Greenhill Bridge Road, Sea Street, Whitstable Road Colewood Road, St John's Road, Herne Bay Road, Bennells Avenue, Tankerton Road, Harbour Street, High Street, Oxford Street, Canterbury Road and Borstal Hill to rejoin the (Old) Thanet Way

CHESTFIELD ROAD - the southern section will be closed at the junction with the roundabout.

The diversion to reach the Old Thanet Way is via South Street and Millstrood Road, plus the following, to reach the northern side of Chestfield Road - Old Thanet Way to B2205 Borstal Hill, Canterbury Road, Oxford Street, High Street, Harbour Street, Tankerton Road, Bennells Avenue and Herne Bay Road

PHASE 2 - the northern section (i.e. eastbound towards Herne Bay) will be closed for 2 nights, on 6 and 7 March 2013

The section of Chestfield Road between the A2990 and B2205 Herne Bay Road / St John's Road will also be closed

There will be no eastbound access beyond the junction with Foxgrove Road, but local access will remain as far as Reeves Way

The alternative route is via A2990 (Old) Thanet Way, B2205 Borstal Hill, Canterbury Road, Oxford Street, High Street, Harbour Street, Tankerton Road, Bennells Avenue, Herne Bay Road, St John's Road, Colewood Road, Whitstable Road, Sea Street and Greenhill Bridge Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, RURAL CANTERBURY (CARRIAGEWAY PATCHING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the rural part of the Canterbury area, on or after 18 February 2013, as shown below.

CONYNGHAM LANE, BRIDGE - closed for its entire length

18 February 2013 for up to 4 days, 07:30 hrs to 16:30 hrs

No alternative route; every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so. There will be times when this is not possible, with resultant delays.

HOGG LANE, UPPER HARDRES - closed for its entire length

18 February 2013 for up to 3 days, 07:30 hrs to 16:30 hrs

Alternative route via Stone Street B2068, Lime Kiln Lane, Hardres Court Road, Bow Hill.

KENFIELD ROAD, PETHAM - closed for its entire length

22 February 2013 for up to 4 days, 07:30 hrs to 16:30 hrs

Alternative route via Chartham Downs Road and Garlinge Green Road.

NEW HOUSE LANE, CHARTHAM - closed for its entire length

26 February 2013 for up to 2 days, 07:30 hrs to 16:30 hrs

Alternative route via Iffin Lane and Chartham Downs Road.

WOODGATE, BISHOPSBOURNE - closed for its entire length

26 February 2013 for up to 3 days, 07:30 hrs to 16:30 hrs

Alternative route via Pett Bottom Road, Westwood Road and Pheasant Hall Road.

NEW TOWN STREET, CHARTHAM - closed for its entire length -

27 February 2013 for up to 3 days, 07:30 hrs to 16:30 hrs

Alternative route via Hatch Lane, Town Lane and Howfield Lane.

FAULKNERS LANE, HARBLEDOWN - closed between the junction with Bigbury Road and the Kent College Junior and Infant school (note access to the school to be maintained from the A2050 at all times)

4 March 2013 for up to 3 days, 09:30 hrs to 15:00 hrs

BIGBURY ROAD, HARBLEDOWN - closed for its entire length, also including **Pilgrims Lane** and part of **Tonford Lane**.

4 March 2013 for up to 3 days, 07:30 hrs to 16:30 hrs

The alternative route for both these closures is via Howfield Lane, A28 Ashford Road, Thanington Road, Wincheap, A2050 Rheims Way, Harbledown By-pass, Chartham Hatch Road, Church Hill and Faulkners Lane

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VARIOUS ROADS, HERNE BAY & WHITSTABLE (MICRO-SURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching followed by micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in Herne Bay and Whitstable, on or after 4 March 2013, as shown below.

For each site, additional 1- or 2-day closures may be necessary within 2 weeks from the surfacing, to allow for re-alignment of iron work in the carriageway, to be signposted and notified locally.

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

HAM SHADES LANE, WHITSTABLE will be closed between the junctions with Church Street and Foxgrove Road

Patching works - 4 March 2013 for one week, between 07:00 hours and 17:30 hours each day

Micro Surfacing - 15 April 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours

Additional closure may be required for a further 2 days

The alternative route is via Church Street, A2990 Thanet Way and Foxgrove Road

LANE END, HERNE BAY will be closed between the junctions with Sea Street and Western Esplanade/Central Parade (including roundabout)

Micro Surfacing 25 March 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours

Additional closure may be required for a further day

There are 2 different diversion routes whilst the roundabout is closed at Western Esplanade

1. The Broadway, Albany Road and Western Esplanade

2. Avenue Road, Station Road / Richmond Street, High Street & Avenue Rd.

NORTH STREET, HERNE BAY will be closed between the junctions with High Street and Charles Street

Micro Surfacing 25 March 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours

Additional closure may be required for a further day

The diversion routes depend on where the road is closed

Closure between High Street and Mortimer Street

Northbound via High Street, East Street, Charles Street and North Street

Southbound via Mortimer Street, Canterbury Road and High Street

Closure between Mortimer Street and Charles Street (One-way) - Charles Street, William Street, Central Parade, Canterbury Road, High Street & North Street.

TOWER HILL, WHITSTABLE will be closed between the junctions with Tower Parade and Park Avenue

Friday 12 April 2013 for 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours.

Additional closure may be required for a further day within 14 days

The alternative route is via B2205 Tankerton Road and Park Avenue

The One-way Traffic Order will be suspended to allow limited access

Note there are no events at Whitstable Castle on the planned date

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

SALISBURY ROAD & GRANVILLE ROAD, WALMER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of junction modifications, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Salisbury Road & Granville Road, Walmer, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 1 week, as shown below.

GRANVILLE ROAD, WALMER will be closed at the junction with A258 Dover Road on 18 February for one day.

The alternative routes are as follows

For southbound Dover Road traffic via Dover Road, Grams Road and Liverpool Road

For Northbound Dover Road traffic via Dover Road, Archery Square and The Beach

SALISBURY ROAD, WALMER will be closed between the junctions with A258 Dover Road and Court Road, from 19 February for up to 4 days.

The alternative routes are via Dover Road, Church Street and Court Road or via Dover Road, Kelvedon Road and Balfour Road.

Every effort will be made to try and maintain access for residents whenever it is safe to do so, but there may be delays, or times when this is not possible due to the use of machinery.

TELEGRAPH ROAD, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching and kerbing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Telegraph Road, Deal, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Freemens Way and Hamilton Road.

The alternative route is via Freemens Way, Mill Hill, Mill Road and Hamilton Road.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESHAM AREA

NORAH LANE, GRAVESEND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of New gas service, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Norah Lane Gravesend, on or after 4 March 2013 for up to 8 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside number 36 Norah Lane.

There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions with .

The alternative route is via Vilal Road, Gravesend Road and Hollytree Drive.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE AREA

ENDINGS WOOD ROAD, WICHLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT poling works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Endings Wood Road, Wichling, on or after 4 March 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Coalpit Lane to Ashdown Lane.

The alternative route is via Wichling Green Lane, Faversham Road, West Street, Ashdown Lane.

(MARIGOLD WAY, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the local authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 44, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:

The effect of the Order will introduce waiting restrictions on the following road or lengths of road;

Road	Side of Road	Length of Restriction
Marigold Way - junction with Tarragon Road	Eastern side	That length that extends from a point 19 metres north of its junction with Tarragon Road to a point 11 metres south of that junction.
Tarragon Road	Both sides	Those lengths which extend from its junction with Marigold Way for a distance of 6 metres in an easterly direction.
Marigold Way - junction with Tarragon Road	Western side	That length of Marigold Way which extends from a point 10 metres northwest of its junction with Tarragon Road to a point 11 metres south of that junction.
Marigold Way (adjacent to Yalding House)	Western side	That length which extends from a point 12 metres north of its junction with the Marigold Way 'No Entry' restriction to a point 4 metres west of the eastern flank wall of Yalding House.

Full details are contained in the Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the Orders and a statement of reasons for making the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

(MARIGOLD WAY, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (ONE WAY) ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, ("the Act") and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:

The effect of the Order will prohibit any vehicle to proceed in a direction other than specified in the Order.

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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Road	Permitted Direction	Length of Road
Marigold Way	west to east	That length of Marigold Way which extends from the eastern flank wall of Yalding House for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction.

Full details are contained in the Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the Orders and a statement of reasons for making the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

QUEEN'S AVENUE, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Queen's Avenue, Maidstone, on or after 22 February 2013 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Queen's Road.

The alternative route is via Queen's Road, A20 London Road, Queen's Avenue.

(QUEEN'S ROAD, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the Local Traffic Authority and in exercise of their powers and under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 44, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter called "the Act"), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the above named Order:

The effect of the named Order (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) will introduce new or to amend existing waiting restrictions in the following lengths of road (in this part of the notice DYL means waiting to be prohibited at all times by double yellow lines);

Queens Road - From a point 15 metres northeast of its junction with Freshland Road to a point 15 metres southwest of that junction.

Freshland Road - Both sides, those lengths which extend from its junction with Queen's Road for a distance of 15 metres in a north-westerly direction.

Full details of the Order, together with the relevant plans and any Orders amended by the Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council Offices, Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ and Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

AZALEA DRIVE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of a Crane Opperation, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Azalea Drive, on or after 10th March 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between Azalea Drive and Station Approach.

The alternative route is via Station Approach, Godsel Road and Azalea Drive.

CHURCH ROAD, SUNDRIDGE, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Church Road, Sundridge, Sevenoaks, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed approximately 100m north and south of Sundridge and Brasted C of E Primary School.

The alternative route is via A25 Main Road, New Road.

HIGH STREET, CHIPSTEAD, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of new gas service to be installed , Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on High Street, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, on or after 18th February 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside no 35 High Street opposite The Rock House. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: High Street, Chipstead Lane, Witches Lane, A25 Westerham Road, Homedean Road.

LONDON ROAD, WESTERHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of Carriagway Surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on London Road Westerham, on or after 18th February 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed Between The Flyers way and Number 53 London Road between Vicarage Hill Beggars Lane.

The alternative route is via Vicarage Hill, A25 Brasted Road and A233 Beggars Lane.

STONES CROSS ROAD, CROCKENHILL, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Stones Cross Road, Crockenhill, Sevenoaks, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 1 week between 07.30hrs and 17.00hrs and 12 March 2013 for 2 days between 09.00hrs and 15.00hrs or until the works have been completed. The road will also be closed for 2 days within 2 weeks of the resurfacing, as indicated by signage.

The whole length of the road will be closed.

The alternative route is via B258 Broadway/Green Court Road.

WESTERHAM HILL, WESTERHAM, SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway to be planed and resurfaced , Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Westerham Hill, Westerham, Sevenoaks, on or after 4th March 2013 for up to 1 night and 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction of Hawleys Corner and Beggars Lane. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: A233 Main Road, Leaves Green Road, Westerham Road, A232 Croyden Road, A21 Farnborough Common, Farnborough Way, Sevenoaks Road, A224 Orpington By-Pass Road, London Road, Polhill, B2211 Sundridge Road, Ovenden Road, Chevening Road, A25 Main Road, High Street, Brasted, Westerham Road, Brasted Road, A233 Beggars Lane

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESTRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO. 4 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2012

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to :-

1) Implement a 40 mile per hour speed limit along Wheatsheaf Hill (B2042) from its junction with Ide Hill Road to a point 470 metres northeast of its junction with Nightingale Lane. 2) Implement a 40 mile per hour speed limit on Ide Hill Road from its junction with Wheatsheaf Hill southwestwards for a distance of 60 metres.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 18/02/2013, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Kent County Council, Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD.

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

CALDECOTT LANE, LYDD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace telegraph poles, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Caldecott Lane, Lydd, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 3 days, between 9.30 am and 3.30 pm each day.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of Birds Kitchen, with access from either direction up to the point of closure, but no through access.

The alternative route is via Dennes Lane, B2075 Station Road, Romney Road and Caldecott Lane.

COOLINGE LANE, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching followed by micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Coolinge Lane, Folkestone, on or after 18 February 2013 as shown below.

Planned closures are as follows

18 February 2013 for 1 week, between 09:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs each day

6 March 2013 for 2 days, between 09:00 hrs and 15:00 hrs each day

Further closures for up to 2 days, within 2 weeks of the March closures, between 09:00 hrs and 15:00 hrs each day

The closure is between the junctions with Shorncliffe Road and Audley Road.

The alternative route is via Shorncliffe Road and Audley Road.

EASTBRIDGE ROAD, DYMCHURCH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Due to an investigation and repairs following a carriageway collapse, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Eastbridge Road, Dymchurch, on or after 18 February 2013 until the repairs have been completed.

The road is closed to the north of the light railway line.

There is no through access between Dymchurch and Burmarsh using this route.

The alternative route is via St Mary's Road, Newchurch Lane and Eastbridge Road.

It is currently unknown how long the road will need to be closed, depending on the seriousness of the problems.

TONTINE STREET, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To enable the safe placement of a mobile crane to remove a tower crane, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tontine Street, Folkestone, on or after 10 March 2013, as shown below.

The closure is planned for Sunday 10 March 2013, between 07:00 hours and 18:00 hours.

If weather prevents the works going ahead on this date, they will be deferred until one of the following 2 Sundays, at the same times.

Tontine Street will be closed between the junctions with The Old High Street and Dover Road / Grace Hill.

The alternative route is via A260 The Tram Road (with suspension of one-way to enable this), Southern Way, Dover Road, Hill Road, Canterbury Road, Black Bull Road, A2033 Foord Road North, New Street, Bradstone Road and Dover Road.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Tontine Street will be suspended from the junction with The Old High Street to the point of closure and from the point of closure extending along the western spur of Tontine Street to the junction with Grace Hill, for access only.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of The Tram Road will be suspended from Harbour Street to the junction with Morrison Road (where it becomes 2-way).

The Orders preventing traffic turning left from Martello Road, Ryland Place, London Street and Elmstead Place into The Tram Road will be suspended.

Waiting will be prohibited in Tontine Street on the north east side, from a point in line with the boundary wall of numbers 32 -34 and 26 - 30 south eastwards to a point in line with the boundary walls of numbers 24 and 20 - 22.

Waiting will be prohibited in The Tram Road on the north west side, from the centre line of the junction with Elmstead Place south westwards for a distance of approximately 32 metres.

Both waiting restrictions take effect from 18:00 hours on the Saturday immediately preceding the works until 20:00 hours on the day of the works, and will apply for the corresponding times whichever weekend the works are carried out.

DISTRICT - SWALE AREA

B2008 MINSTER ROAD, MINSTER, SHEPPEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2008 Minster Road, Minster-on-Sea, on or after 7 March 2013, as shown below.

Minster Road, Minster will be closed between Fleetwood Close and Harps Avenue, planned for 7, 8 & 11 March 2013, between 19:30 hours through until 05:00 hours each night

The alternative routes are

Eastbound via B2008 Minster Rd, Scrapsgate Road, Wards Hill Road, Queens Road, Baldwin Road, Chapel Street, Back Lane and B2008 Minster Road

Westbound via Waterloo Hill, Union Road, Wards Hill Road, Scrapsgate Road and B2008 Minster Road

THE BROADWAY, MINSTER will also be closed as part of these works, between the junctions with Minster Road and Saxon Avenue.

TUNSTALL ROAD, TUNSTALL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tunstall Road, Tunstall, on or after 18 February 2013 for up to 5 days, between 07:00 hrs and 19:00 hrs each day.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Bredgar Road and Ruins Barn Road.

The alternative route is via Bredgar Road, Primrose Lane, Bexon Lane and Ruins Barn Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, SWALE AREA (MICRO-SURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching followed by micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on various roads in the Swale area, on or after 18 February 2013, as shown below.

OAD STREET, BREDGAR - closed between the junction with the A249 to a point approximately 80 metres east of the M2 overbridge

Patching Works - 18 February for 5 days, between 07:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs each day

Micro Surfacing - 20 March for 3 days between 07:00 hrs and 19:00 hrs each day

Adjustment of covers Further additional closure required for up to 2 days, within 14 days after completion of resurfacing, for the same times.

The alternative route is via Oad Street, Pond Farm Road, The Street (Borden), Borden Lane, A2 London Road, A2 Key Street, and A249

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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BROAD STREET, SHEERNESS - closed between the junctions with New Road and Holland Close

Patching Works - 18 February for 3 days, between 07:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs. (Note no closure needed for micro surfacing works)

The alternative route is via New Road, Medway Road and Estuary Road.

Other Issues: Works programmed for half term as adjacent to Primary School.

ST MARY'S ROAD, FAVERSHAM - closed between East Street and Station Road

Patching Works - 25 February for 2 weeks, between 07:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs.

Micro surfacing - 25 March for 3 days, between 07:00 hrs and 19:00 hrs .

Adjustment of covers Additional closure required for up to 1 day, within 14 days of resurfacing.

The alternative route is via Station Road, Newton Road and East Street.

Note St Mary's Road will not be closed at same time as St John's Road or Institute Road

ST JOHN'S ROAD & BEAUMONT TERRACE, FAVERSHAM - closed between East Street and St Mary's Road

Patching Works - 25 February for 2 weeks, between 07:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs.

Micro surfacing - 25 March for three days, between 07:00 hrs and 19:00 hrs .

Adjustment of covers Additional closure required for a further day within 14 days after the completion of the surfacing to allow for adjustment of covers.

The alternative route is via St Mary's Road and East Street.

Other Issues: St John's Road & Beaumont Terrace will not be closed at same time as St Mary's Road

INSTITUTE ROAD, FAVERSHAM - closed between St Mary's Road and Newton Road

Patching Works - 25 February for 2 weeks, between 07:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs.

Micro surfacing - Sunday 24 March for one day, between 07:00 hrs and 19:00 hrs .

Adjustment of covers Additional closure required for a further day within 14 days after the completion of the surfacing to allow for adjustment of covers.

The alternative route is via St Mary's Road, East Street and Newton Road.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (GEORGE V AVENUE, MARGATE) (TOUCAN AND PELICAN CROSSINGS)

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

Notice is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, intends to install a pedestrian crossing of the type described in column 1 of the schedule hereto, at the locations described in column 2 of the said schedule.

A plan showing the locations of the proposed pedestrian crossings may be inspected during normal working hours at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, KENT, ME14 1XX.

SCHEDULE 1

Type of Pedestrian Crossing	Location
Pelican	George V Avenue, Margate - Outside Hartsdown Technology College, and number 49 Wellis Gardens.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Ryan Shiel, Member Highway Fund Team, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to MHF@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 11th March 2013.

VARIOUS ROADS, BROADSTAIRS (RESURFACING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

As part of a programme of carriageway resurfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on certain roads in Broadstairs, on or after 18 February 2013.

The planned dates and times of the closures are as shown below, and every effort will be made to keep to this schedule.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates. These will be re-scheduled, with new dates as signposted and advised locally.

OSBOURNE ROAD & SEAFIELD ROAD, BROADSTAIRS - Closed from 18 February for up to 5 days, between 07:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs.

Alternative routes

From Ramsgate A255 Ramsgate Road, High Street, The Broadway.

From Broadstairs The Broadway, High Street, Ramsgate Road, Gladstone Road.

BEACON ROAD, BROADSTAIRS - Closed from 20 February for up to 3 days, between 07:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs.

The alternative route is via Westover Road, Northdown Hill, Green Lane, George Hill Road and Convent Road.

This work requires a temporary suspension of parking along the whole road.

BEACON ROAD BROADSTAIRS overnight closure at the junction with Westover Road - 22 February, between 20:00 hrs and 05:00 hrs

Alternative route is via Broadstairs Road A255, Dane Court Road, St Peters Road, College Road, Millmead Road, Northdown Park Road, George Hill Road and Convent Road

VARIOUS ROADS, MARGATE & BROADSTAIRS (PRE-PATCHING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway patching works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on several roads in Margate and Broadstairs, on or after 21 February 2013, as shown below.

TIVOLI ROAD, MARGATE will be closed between the junctions with Hartsdown Road and Grovesner Gardens, 21 February for 2 days, between 09:30 hrs and 15:00 hrs

The alternative route is via Hartsdown Road, Marine Terrace, Belgrave Road and Eaton Road

STONE ROAD, BROADSTAIRS will be closed between the junctions with Lanthorne Road and Knights Avenue 25 February for up to 2 days, between 09:30 hrs and 14:30 hrs

The alternative route is via Lanthorne Road, Kings Avenue and Knights Avenue

RUMFIELDS ROAD, BROADSTAIRS will be closed between the junctions with Westwood Road and Bromstone Road, from 27 February for up to 3 days, between 09:30 hrs and 14:00 hrs

The alternative route is via Westwood Road, Broadstairs Road and Fairfields Road.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING

FORD LANE, TROTTISCLIFFE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to permanently reinstate carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ford Lane, Trottiscliffe, on or after 23 February 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside the property "Kildare".

The alternative route is via Park Road, Addington Lane, Ford Lane.

STATION ROAD, AYLESFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to upgrade the level crossing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road, Aylesford, on or after 22 February 2013 for up to 18 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the level crossing.

The alternative route is via Hall Road, A20 London Road, Rocky Hill, Broadway, St Peter's Bridge, Fairmeadow, A229 Royal Engineers Road, Running Horse Roundabout, Forstal Road, Bailey Bridge Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE & MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING & 30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow a programme of carriageway patching and surface treatment works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order to restrict traffic on various roads in Kent, as shown below.

The Order will become effective on or after **18th February 2013** for up to 18 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed in alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Each road indicated will need to be closed once for prepatching works (as per the schedule below) and a second time for the actual surface treatment works (Surface dressing or microsurfacing) later in the year (These dates will be advertised on information boards on each site, 14 days in advance of commencement).

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

SCHEDULE

A227 IGHTHAM ROAD, SHIPBOURNE - reduce speed limit from 50mph to 30mph between Plaxtol Lane and Upper Green Road

21st February to 27th February 2013-01-24

KEMSING ROAD, WROTHAM - reduce speed limit from 60mph to 30mph between Battlefields and Fen Pond Road

28th February to 2nd March 2013

FARTHERWELL ROAD, WEST MALLING - closed between Teston Road and Sandy Lane

15th & 18th March 2013 - 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via A20 London Road, Ashton Way, A228, King Hill and Teston Road

SANDY LANE, RYARSH - closed between The A20 London Road and Fartherwell Road

19th to 21st March 2013 - 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via A20 London Road, Ashton Way, A228, King Hill, Teston Road, Fartherwell Avenue and Norman Road

HATHAM GREEN LANE, STANSTED - closed between Ash Road and Plaxdale Green Road

5th to 6th March 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via Ash Road, A20 London Road and Plaxdale Green Road

CHURCH ROAD, OFFHAM - closed between The A20 London Road and North Meadow

20th to 22nd February 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via, A20 London Road, B2016 Seven Mile Lane, Teston Road and Church Road

OLD CHURCH ROAD, BURHAM - closed between Court Road and Works

23rd to 24th March & 30th to 31st March 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

No Alternative route

TUMBLEFIELD ROAD, STANSTED - closed between Plaxdale Green Road and Wrotham Hill Road

7th to 12th March 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via Plaxdale Green Road, Labour in Vain Road

BATTLEFIELDS, WROTHAM - closed between - Kemsing Road and Blacksole Road

28th February to 2nd March 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Via Blacksole Road, West street, High Street, Wrotham and Kemsing Road

LEIGH ROAD, HILDENBOROUGH - closed between Brookmead and Meopham Bank Farm

18th to 19th February 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via Stocks Green Lane, Rings Hill, Hildenborough Road and Powder Mill Lane

CARPENTERS LANE, HADLOW - closed between The A26 Maidstone Road and Common Road

4th to 15th March 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via A26 Maidstone Road and Common Road

LADDS LANE, SNODLAND - closed between Manley Boulevard and the Quarry

18th to 19th March 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via A228 Malling Road, Kent Road, Vicarage Road,

The Street, Upper Halling and Ladds Lane

PILGRIMS WAY, WOULDHAM - closed between Wouldham Road and Knowle Road

25th to 29th March 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative Route via Wouldham Road, High Street, Wouldham and Knowle Road

PRATLING STREET, AYLESFORD - closed between Rochester Road and Beddow Way

18th to 22nd March 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative route via Rochester Road, Forstal Road, Beddow Way and Pratling Street

SANDY LANE, ADDINGTON - closed between Ford lane and St Vincent's Lane

25th to 29th March 2013 0830hrs to 1730hrs

Alternative Route via A20 London Road and St Vincent's Lane

WATER LANE, WEST MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to permanently reinstate the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Water Lane, West Malling, on or after 23 February 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside 21 and 23.

The alternative route is via Lavenders Road, Swan Street, High Street.

HIGHWAYS - VARIOUS ROADS, WEST KENT

VARIOUS ROADS, KENT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING & 10MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

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The Order will become effective on or after 18th February 2013 for up to 3 months, or until the works have been completed.

The planned dates and times for each road closure or restriction are shown below, in a Schedule listed in alphabetical order of District.

Planned dates will be indicated by signage displayed on site 14 days in advance. Road closures and other restrictions will be in effect when the appropriate signage and barriers are in place.

Every effort will be made to keep to the schedule shown below. Some minor modifications may be made to dates and duration of works, to be advised once known.

Adverse weather conditions may prevent some works being carried out on the planned dates.

Roads that are missed will be re-scheduled, as advised locally and signposted on site.

SCHEDULE

DARTFORD

HARTLEY ROAD, LONGFIELD

Closed between B260 Main Road and Station Road

27 February 2013 - 07:00 until 17:00

Alternative route via Station Road

B260 MAIN ROAD, LONGFIELD

Closed between New Barn Road to Gorse Wood Road

25 March - 27 March 2013 - 7:00 pm until 5:00 am

Alternative route via B260 Main Road, B260 Green Street Green Road, Trolling Down Hill, A296 Princes Road, Watling Street and New Barn Road

MILL POND ROAD, DARTFORD

Closed between Hythe Street roundabout and Overy Street

27 March - 28 March 2013 - 19:00 until 05:00

Alternative route via Temple Hill, St Vincents Ave, St Vincents Road A226 East Hill, A226 Overy Liberty, A226 Home Gardens and A2026 Hythe Street

A296 PRINCES ROAD, DARTFORD *EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY CLOSURE ONLY*

Closed between Junction 1a Roundabout and A296 Watling Street

8 April - 10 April 2013 - 19:00 until 05:00

Alternative route via A296 Princes Road, A296 Park Road, A226 The Brent and B2500 Watling Street

GRAVESHAM

ISTEAD RISE, GRAVESEND - Closed between A227 Wrotham Road and The Drove Way.

26 March 2013 - 9.30am until 3.30pm

Alternative route via A227 Wrotham Road, Arcadia Road and Upper Avenue (and vice versa).

WHITEHILL ROAD, GRAVESEND - Closed between Sun Lane (Echo Square Roundabout) to Hollybush Road.

24 April & 25 April 2013 - 9.30am until 3.30pm

Alternative route via Whitehill Road and Sun Lane (and vice versa).

For further information, please contact Kent County Council Highways and Transportation, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent County Council

HIGHWAYS

AIDSTONE

A229 LOOSE ROAD - Closed between Cripple Street and A274 Sutton Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via A229 Loose Road, A229 Linton Road, B2163 Heath Road, Cock Street, Plough Wents Road, A274 Maidstone Road and A274 Sutton Road. (And vice versa)

CRANBOURNE AVENUE - Closed at junction with A229 Loose Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via Cranbourne Avenue, Plains Avenue, South Park Road and Park Way. (And vice versa)

PLAINS AVENUE - Closed at junction with A229 Loose Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via South Park Road and Park Way. (And vice versa)

ARMSTRONG ROAD - Closed at junction with A229 Loose Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via A229 Loose Road, Sheals Crescent and Postley Road.

PARK WAY- Closed at junction with A229 Loose Road

25 February - 8 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via A229 Loose Road, Heather Drive and Holtye Crescent (And vice versa)

ROYSTON ROAD, BEARSTED - Closed between Madginford Road and Spot Lane

25 March 2013 - 9.30am to 3.30pm

Alternative route via Royston Road, Rosemary Road, Romney Close,

A20 Ashford Road and Spot Lane. (And vice versa)

POPLAR GROVE, MAIDSTONE - Closed between A20 London Road and Hazelwood Drive using two phases

10 April & 11 April 2013 - 7.00am to 7.00pm

Phase 1 - A20 London Road to Ash Grove

Alternative route via A20 London Road, Conway Road and Ash Grove (and vice versa).

Phase 2 - Ash Grove to Hazelwood Drive

Alternative route via A20 London Road, Conway Road, Ash Grove, Maxwell Drive and Howard Drive (and vice versa).

CHART CORNER, CHART SUTTON - Closed between Amber Lane/Warm Lake Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road

4 April 2013 - 9.30am to 3.30pm

Alternative route - West bound via Amber Lane, Brishing Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road (and vice versa)

Alternate route - East bound via Warm Lake Road, Norton Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road (and vice versa)

AMBER WAY, CHART SUTTON - Closed between Amber Lane/Warm Lake Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road

4 April 2013 - 9.30am to 3.30pm

Alternative route - West bound via Amber Lane, Brishing Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road (and vice versa)

Alternate route - East bound via Warm Lake Road, Norton Road and B2163 Plough Wents Road (and vice versa)

B2163 PLOUGH WENTS ROAD, CHART SUTTON - Closed between 'York House' and West of Lested Lane

5 April 2013 - 9.30am to 3.30pm

Alternative route - West bound via Amber Lane and Brishing Lane (and vice versa)

Alternate route - East bound via Warm Lake Road and Norton Road (and vice versa)

SEVENOAKS

SHURLOCK AVENUE, SWANLEY

Closed between B2173 London Road and The Orchard

18 February 2013 - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Alternative route via B2173 London Road and Walnut Way

BILLET HILL, FAWKHAM

Closed between Ash Road and Fawkham Green Road

19 February - 20 February 2013 - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Alternative route via Ash Road, Manor Lane, Michael's Lane, Valley Road and Fawkham Green Road

A25 LONDON ROAD (THE SQUARE), SEVENOAKS

Closed between A25 London Road North Roundabout & A25 London Road South Roundabout

21 February - 28 February 2013 weekdays only - 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

Alternative route via A224 Amherst Hill, B2020 Botolphs Road, A225 St Johns Hill and A25 Bradbourne Vale Road, A25 Maidstone Road

B2027 CLINTON LANE, HEVER

Closed between How Green Lane to Ide Hill Road

25 February - 26 February 2013 - 7:00 am to 7:00 pm

Alternative route via Ide Hill Road, B2042 Green Lane and B2042 Toys Field Road

BRIDLE ROAD, SEAL

Closed from Park Lane to 'Godden Green Clinic' access

6 March 2013 - 7:00pm to 5:00am

No alternative route, access only

B258 HIGH STREET/B2173 BARTHOLOMEW ROAD, SWANLEY

Closed between Nightingale Way to B258 Swanley Lane

Phase 1: 7 March - 8 March 2013 - 9:00 pm until 5:00 am for closure to north roundabout

Phase 2: 9 March 2013 - 10:00 pm until 5:00 am for closure of south roundabout

Alternative route during both phases via B258 Goldsel Road, B258 Crockenhill Road, B258 Mill Brook Road, B258 Station Road, A224 Sevenoaks Way, A223 Edgington Way, B2173 Maidstone Road and B2173 London Road

A25 SEAL ROAD

Closed between A225 Otford Road and Pinewood Avenue

18 March - 27 March 2013 - 9:00 pm until 5:00 am

Lighter Traffic Diversion - B2019 Seal Hollow Road, A224 London Road, A224 Amherst Hill and A25 Bradbourne Vale Road

Heavy Traffic Diversion - A225 Otford Road, A225 Station Road, A225 Shoreham Road, A20 Main Road Gorse Hill, A20 London Road and A227 Wrotham Road

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

B2016 SEVEN MILE LANE, OFFHAM - closed between Junction with A26 Maidstone Road/A228 Seven Mile Lane and junction with A20 London Road.

14 - 21 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way, A228 Kings Hill, A228 Malling Road and B2016 Seven Mile Lane. (And vice versa)

COMP LANE, OFFHAM - Closed at its junctions with B2016 Seven Mile Lane.

14 - 21 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative routes:

Eastbound - via Comp Lane, Long Mill Lane and A25 Maidstone Road

Westbound - via Comp Lane, North Meadow, Church Road and A20 London Road

QUARRY HILL ROAD, TONBRIDGE - Closed southbound between Quarry Hill Road and South Frith, including the Tonbridge traffic signals slip road up to its junction with A26 London Road northbound.

11 and 12 March 2013 - 8.00pm to 05.00am

Alternative route via A26 Quarry Hill Road, A2014 Pembury Road,

A21 Pembury Road (Pembury bypass), A21Castle Hill, A21 Pembury Road, A264 Pembury Road, A264 Calverley Road, A264 Crescent Road, A264 Church Road, A26 London Road, A26 St Johns Road, and A26 London Road.

EAST STREET (NORTH), WEST MALLING - Closed for it's entire length from the junction with Woodgate Road.

23 April 2013 - 9.00am to 4.00pm

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac.

A228 BRANBRIDGES INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ROUNDABOUT, EAST PECKHAM - Complete closure of the roundabout.

12 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via A228 Whetsted Road, A228 Maidstone Road. B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A26 Woodgate Way, A26 Vale Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 High Street, A26 Maidstone Road and A228 Seven Mile Lane (and vice versa).

A228 BRANBRIDGES ROAD, TONBRIDGE - Closure between Whetsted Road Roundabout and Branbridges Industrial Estate Roundabout.

12 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route for North bound traffic via A228 Whetsted Road, A228 Maidstone Road, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A26 Woodgate Way, A26 Vale Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 High Street, A26 Maidstone Road and A228 Seven Mile Lane.

A228 HALE STREET BYPASS (BOYLE WAY), TONBRIDGE - Closure between Maidstone Road Roundabout and Branbridges Industrial Estate Roundabout.

12 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route for South bound traffic via A228 Seven Mile Lane, A26 Maidstone Road, A26 High Street, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Vale Road, A26 Woodgate Way, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A228 Maidstone Road and A228 Whetsted Road.

BRANBRIDGES ROAD, TONBRIDGE - Closure at it's junction with Branbridges Industrial Estate Roundabout.

12 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via Branbridges Road, Hale Street and Maidstone Road

A228 MAIDSTONE ROAD ROUNDABOUT, EAST PECKHAM - Complete closure of the roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via A228 Branbridges Road, A228 Whetsted Road, A228 Maidstone Road. B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A26 Woodgate Way, A26 Vale Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 High Street and A26 Maidstone Road (and vice versa).

A228 HALE STREET BYPASS (BOYLE WAY), TONBRIDGE - Closure between Branbridges Industrial Estate Roundabout and Maidstone Road Roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route for North bound traffic via A228 Branbridges Road, A228 Whetsted Road, A228 Maidstone Road, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A26 Woodgate Way, A26 Vale Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 High Street and A26 Maidstone Road.

A228 SEVEN MILE LANE, EAST PECKHAM / A228 HALE STREET BYPASS, TONBRIDGE - Closure between Martin's Lane junction and Maidstone Road Roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route for South bound traffic via A26 Maidstone Road, A26 High Street, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 Hadlow Road East, A26 Cornwallis Avenue, A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Cannon Lane, A26 Vale Road, A26 Woodgate Way, B2017 Five Oak Green Road, A228 Maidstone Road, A228 Whetsted and A228 Branbridges Road.

MAIDSTONE ROAD, EAST PECKHAM - Closure at it's junction with Maidstone Road Roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via Maidstone Road, Hale Street, Branbridges Road and then alternative route for A228 Hale Street Bypass.

B2015 MAIDSTONE ROAD, EAST PECKHAM - Closure at it's junction with Maidstone Road Roundabout.

13 March 2013 - 7.00pm to 05.00am.

Alternative route via B2015 Maidstone Road, A26 Tonbridge Road, A26 Maidstone Road and then

alternative route for A228 Seven Mile Lane / A228 Hale Street Bypass.

B245 TONBRIDGE ROAD, HILDENBOROUGH - Temporary 10 mph Speed Restriction for Convoy Working.

2 & 3 April 2013 - 9.30am to 03.30pm.

Extents: from 75m South East of Hilden Avenue to 50m North West of Brookmead.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS

A264 PEMBURY ROAD - closed between A21 roundabout (west) and Sandhurst Road.

25 - 28 March 2013 - 8.00pm to 05.00am,

Alternative route via A264 Pembury Road. Sandhurst Road, Birken Road, Longfield Road, A21 Hastings Road and A264 Pembury Road. (And vice versa)

SPELDHURST HILL - closed between Lower Green Road and Langton Road.

28 and 29 March 2013 - 7pm to 5am

Alternative route via Langton Road, Speldhurst Road, The Green, A264 Langton Road, a264 Bishops down, A26 London Road, A26 Mount Ephraim, A26 St Johns Road, Speldhurst Road, Etherington Hill

CAMDEN ROAD - closed in two separate phases:

14 , 15, 18 and 19 March 2013 - 7pm to 5am

Southside between Victoria Road/Garden Road junction and Garden Street.

Alternative route via Victoria Road, A26 Grosvenor Road, A26 mount Ephraim, A26 London Road, A264 Church Road, A264 Crescent Road, Calverley Road

Northside between Victoria Road/Garden Road junction and Stone Street.

Alternative route via Garden Road, Lansdowne road, St James' Road, Beulah Road.

John Burr
Director of Highways & Transportation
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 17th February 2013

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Kent County Council

MARRIAGE LICENCES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Kent County Cricket Club, St Lawrence Ground, Old Dover Road, Canterbury

Applicant: Nigel Bell

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Kent History and Library Centre
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Maidstone, ME14 1LQ

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Salomons, Broomhill Road, Southborough

Applicant: Andrew Daniells

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Larkfield Priory Hotel, London Road, Aylesford

Applicant: Lorenzo Menghini

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC NOTICE

A building certified for worship named The Redeemed Christian Church of God Winners Way Dartford, Rehoboth House, Brent Way, Dartford in the registration district of Kent, in the Non-Metropolitan County of Kent, was on 21st September 2012 registered for solemnising marriages therein pursuant to section 41 of the Marriage Act 1949 as amended by Section1 (1) of the Marriage Acts Amendment Act, 1958.

Superintendent Registrar

1 January 2013

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RUGBY

Clarke keen to tackle goal of rugby World Cup legacy

Club chairman Roger Clarke talks to **Greg Miles** about how Kent can capitalise on the 2015 Rugby World Cup

Picture: ADY KERRY

OPPORTUNITY: Wells's Roger Clarke will be making sure the South East benefits from the 2015 RWC

IT'S two years away, but one man in Kent is already getting excited about the Rugby World Cup coming to England's shores.

Roger Clarke, the chairman of Tunbridge Wells Rugby Club, has been tasked with making sure the South East is primed to make the most of the build-up to the 2015 RWC and maximise the legacy after it.

The Rugby Football Union has made £25 million available as part of the Lead Up and Legacy project, for grassroots clubs to improve facilities, train coaches and improve retention of players.

Making the most of the legacy is even more prevalent in the wake of the Olympics and the feeling that England failed to capitalise on winning the world title in 2003 in Australia.

Clarke is one of six on a nationwide committee who will meet to coordinate efforts, share ideas and make sure grassroots rugby will feel the full benefits of hosting the event.

Key areas have been identified to improve upon, including facilities, coaching, schools rugby, player retention and touch rugby.

The 63-year-old was given the voluntary role after applying for an advert in a national newspaper and getting through an interview.

He has responsibility for Area Three, which covers Essex, Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

"I would put the money into facilities," said Clarke. "If you're going to run a club and want to stand on your own two feet, you need to have your own ground rather than a council ground.

"And you need to encourage the whole family to come to the club – it musn't just be a place where Dad goes.

"Clubs need to pull volunteers into the game. Clubs are run by surprisingly low numbers of volunteers. We need to get the message out.

"The biggest challenge for us is to bring more players into the game and trying to improve the percentage of players between 16 and 24 who might be lost by going into further education.

"We need to retain people at that age gap – that's a big challenge for us. If we can reduce or improve it by 20-30 per cent we will be very pleased."

Ten years ago, when Jonny Wilkinson kicked that extra-time drop-goal to seal a famous World Cup final win for England, rugby saw a boost, as you would expect.

But RFU chiefs feel the country has missed out on the longer-term benefits of that win because of a lack of a proper legacy structure.

"I think a lot has been learnt from that. Ten years ago we would have talked a good game. The structure wasn't in place to make sure we did get it," said Clarke.

"There wasn't the competition for rugby – there are so many other things to do now in a sporting sense. If you were to measure success for us at the moment, it's not so much creating clubs but making sure they have more sides.

"We haven't done too badly at Tunbridge Wells – we still run four sides, but around the period after the win we ran about five. That's what a lot of clubs have experienced.

"I've been county chairman for five years and I've been impressed with the way things have been handled. We have always been at the forefront of the RFU planning – the guinea pigs on a whole range of things."

England is well placed to pull in supporters for the event and could exceed the benchmark set by the successful 2011 RWC in New Zealand.

That brought in the equivalent of £92m to the economy, sustained the equivalent of 29,000 jobs in one year and saw 133,000 visitors flock to the islands.

The organising group for 2015 has already said it is expecting 400,000 visitors and a further 4.2 billion people to watch on television.

■ **For more information about how clubs can apply for grants, visit the Rugby Football Union's website at www.rfu.com.**

TAKING OLYMPICS' LEAD

RUGBY is set to learn a few lessons from the London 2012 Olympics in its Lead Up and Legacy plans.

In fact it is taking the guidebook straight from the person who helped mastermind the Games last summer – Debbie Jevans.

Jevans, who was director of sport for the Games delivery team, LOCOG, has been appointed chief executive of England Rugby, which is tasked with organising the 2015 Rugby World Cup.

The former professional tennis-player has also brought in some members of her Olympics team to deliver the event, with the former chief executive of LOCOG, Paul Deighton, joining the England 2015 board, along with former Grand Slam-winner and current RFU and Six Nations chairman Bill Beaumont.

One of the key things the RWC 2015 is hoping to harness from the Olympics is the Games Makers volunteers, who made London 2012 such a success.

The Lead up and Legacy project is set to deliver £25 million of funding, which will be put towards 500 clubs nationwide; £1m will go to training 6,500 new referees and coaches and recruiting 5,000 volunteers for the World Cup.

It is hoped that the money will inspire more than one million youngsters to get involved in the game through a schools programme that will see more than 400 non-rugby-playing secondary schools take up the game by 2015, while the RFU wants 15,000 more people to take up touch-rugby by the tournament start.

It is set to be a big decade for the sport, which has a real chance to expand its popularity with the shorter sevens version of the game set to make its debut at the Rio Olympics in 2016.

SPORTS SHORTS

Flying Fulham winger signs on to boost Gills promotion push

GILLINGHAM boss Martin Allen has boosted his attacking options by signing Fulham winger Ryan Williams.

Allen made it clear this week he needed to bolster his squad after his son Charlie broke his hand in the goalless draw at York City on Tuesday. The Gills will also be missing leading scorer Danny Kedwell for a few weeks as he recovers from a hamstring injury that ruled him out of the 1-0 win at Bradford City.

Williams was born in Perth, Australia, and signed at Portsmouth in 2010. He made his debut in the Championship against Middlesborough on the opening day of the 2011/12 season against his older brother Rhys, who is Boro captain.

The 19-year-old made four more appearances at Fratton Park, but his quick feet and direct style were enough for Premier League Fulham to snap him up in January last year.

"He's positive, he can open up defences, he's fast, he's direct and he's a good player," said Allen.

Gills have the option to extend his 28-day loan once it expires.

Ladies lose cricket World Cup crown after Aussies lose semi

ENGLAND Ladies' slim hopes of retaining their World Cup crown were dashed on Wednesday after the West Indies defeated Australia.

They needed the Aussies, who had already booked their place in Sunday's final, to comfortably beat the West Indies in the first semi-final. England then needed to record a decent win in their semi against New Zealand to stand any chance of progressing.

England, captained by Kent's skipper Charlotte Edwards and featuring county players Lydia Grenway, Laura Marsh and Tammy Beaumont, knew halfway through their 15-run win over the Kiwis that they would not make it as the Windies had secured an eight-run win hours earlier.

Edwards said: "I found out by looking up at the big screen while I was batting, which is not ideal.

"It's our own fault, though. Our own inconsistency up front in the tournament has cost us. But there is still a lot to be proud of – a lot of these players have got great futures in the game."

DeGale set for Glowing return in defence of WBC Silver Belt

OLYMPIC gold-medallist James DeGale is set to return to Bluewater's Glow complex to defend his WBC Silver Belt.

The fight, promoted by Mick Hennessy, will take place on Saturday, March 23, against an opponent yet to be named.

Middleweight fighter Chris Eubank Jnr will also be on the bill.

DeGale fought at Glow back in October, defeating Hadillah Mohoumadi. Ticket sales surpassed expectation, paving the way for a return fight at the venue.

"I'm excited to be boxing at Glow again. It was a tremendous atmosphere for my last fight and it's a great venue to headline at," said DeGale

"This year is going to be a big year for me. I'm looking to be the first-ever British Olympic gold-medallist who goes on and wins a professional world title."

Tickets for the match are priced from £35.

For ticket information, phone Hennessy Sports box office on 01925 755222 or visit www.hennessysports.com.

FOOTBALL

Gills not travel-sick as they bid to smash 28-year away record

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IT has been almost 30 years since the Gills last enjoyed so much success on the road and, with eight away games to go, Martin Allen's side look set to smash a club record.

It was the 1984/85 season when Keith Peacock's side notched up 10 wins on their travels in the old Division Three. It took the Gills until the last away game of the season to reach double figures as Tony Cascarino and Dave Mehmet scored in a 2-0 win at Reading.

Allen's side equalled that tally at Bradford last weekend and could have written their names into the history books with a win at York City on Tuesday, only to be held to a goalless draw.

Peacock's team were a stubborn and efficient force on their travels, grinding out wins often by single-goal margins.

It is a trait travelling Gills fans will recognise this season as Allen's squad have won seven of their 10 away games by a single goal, while keeping clean sheets in eight.

Keeper Ron Hillyard, who holds the club's appearance record of 655, was part of Peacock's side that season. The 60-year-old, who is now a coach with Ebbsfleet United, said: "When we were doing well it came down to having a solid base – really good defenders.

"It gave us a platform to go on and win the game by not conceding early. When we had a decent away record we weren't winning many games 4-3 – it was by the odd goal, 1-0 or 2-1.

"We were based around not conceding and taking chances when they came, and having forward players who can play on the break, like Terry Cochrane.

"We did have a lot of ability in that team and a lot of unsung heroes – people like Peter Shaw."

Ironically, one of their 10 defeats away from home that season came at York City, in a 7-1 drubbing. Hillyard is thankful he played no part in the game against his former club.

Unlike this season, Peacock's side also made Priestfield a fortress, losing just three times on home soil and drawing five.

The Gills have six games left on home turf after this weekend, having lost five at home so far, more than most in the top half of the table. "Away from home you find it easier to express yourself, in some respects," said Hillyard.

"We had a lot of teams come and settle to play deep and get behind the ball. You find it difficult to break teams down.

"He [Peacock] wanted to work from a solid base and wanted his full-backs to defend and let people further up the pitch have the ball.

"We worked together as a good unit and people were taking responsibility and making the right decisions."

Hillyard, who worked as a goalkeeping coach when Andy Hessenthaler was in charge at Priestfield, is backing them to still be in the hunt for promotion come April.

"This time of the season going into the final few months is the more difficult time," he said. "I think they have got enough breathing space to see it through."

Picture: ADY KERRY

AWAY JOY: The Gills' form on the road has kept them riding high

GILLS' AWAY RECORD FOR 84-85 SEASON

Wins: 10
Leyton Orient **2-4**
Wigan Athletic **0-1**
Swansea City **0-1**
Burnley **0-1**
Bolton Wanderers .. **1-2**
Doncaster Rovers .. **0-1**
Newport County **0-3**
Cambridge United .. **1-2**
Walsall **0-1**
Reading **0-2**
Draws: 3
Losses: 10

GILLS' AWAY RECORD FOR 12-13 SEASON

Wins: 10
Draws: 4
Losses: 1
Away games left: 8

SPEEDWAY

Captain Mason: from on-track thrills to cleaning toilets

KENT Kings' captain for the 2013 season, David Mason, has no qualms about joining a new set-up, having done it twice before with great success.

The 36-year-old was there at the start for Weymouth and the Rye House Rockets, both of whom went on to become established names in the sport.

Having joined the Kings' new adventure at Sittingbourne's Central Park Stadium, he is confident it can be a success.

"Every time I have been at a new side for the first time, it's always been successful," he said. "I think it's going to be great.

"We're going to have a big advantage over everyone else. Everyone who comes to the stadium won't have seen the track. We have one hell of an advantage.

"We have got a big stadium with all the seating. Everything is there – what more can you ask for?"

If Mason does get too big for his boots, he has his day job to give him a reality check.

"Some people can have their head in the clouds, but come Monday morning it's back to work," he said. "It goes from the adrenaline rush of speedway to cleaning a toilet for me. It brings you back to the real world.

"A lot of people can be whoever they want to be, but Monday morning I'm David Mason, who works for a family business that does a bit of cleaning. It's funny, some people can see you as a super-star, but they don't really know what else goes on."

It's almost full circle for Mason, who started his career at home-town side Eastbourne in 1994 before racing for Sittingbourne the year after. Since then, he has had success throughout the National League and on European soil.

"I have been there and got the T-shirt," he said. "I've done the full-time thing. I've been abroad, but I'm not saying this is an easy ride out. I'm more than happy to be with Kent."

This week the Kings announced the second rider to join their ranks. Ben Morley had looked set to sign a deal in either Denmark or Germany before visiting the stadium in Sittingbourne on Saturday, where he was persuaded to sign up to the Kings.

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WHEELS: Mason works for the family business

Gills team of the Century

This season marks the 100th anniversary of the Gills being known as Gillingham, having originally being founded as New Brompton. We are celebrating those we think deserve a place in the team of the century.

DENNIS HUNT

DOB: September 8, 1937
Gills stats: 319 appearances, 6 goals
Clubs: Gillingham, Brentford, Folkestone Invicta

ARMY recruit Dennis Hunt was a hard man's hard man who played a key part in the Gills' Fourth Division title win in 1963/64.

The left-back, born in Portsmouth, signed at Priestfield at the age of 21 in 1958, having served in the army.

He instantly became a crowd favourite, combining crunching tackles with the odd attacking foray in Harry Barrett's side.

At 5ft 10in he was not the biggest of defenders, but big enough, and solidly built to put fear into opposing wingers with his uncompromising style.

He was one of the few players to survive a squad cull following Barrett's sacking in 1962 and he became a mainstay under legendary boss Freddie Cox, who guided the Gills to the Fourth Division title in 1963/64.

Hunt missed just three league games that season in a side who conceded just 30 league goals in the whole campaign. They conceded only twice in their first 10 matches and became renowned for their defensive prowess.

They finished the season on 60 points, level with Carlisle United, but clinched the title because of their better goal average.

He drifted out of favour in the Third Division but came back into the fold under Basil Hayward in 1966.

His departure for Brentford in the summer of 1968 was unpopular with the fans, but it was not long before he was back in Kent. After 12 appearances in one season for the Bees, he took up a job as player-manager at Folkestone Invicta, where he stayed until 1973. He later managed Ashford Town from 74-77 and Margate from 77-78.

■ **So, do you agree?** Send in your opinions on our choice or who you think would have been a better option. Email **greg.miles@archant.co.uk** or write to **Sport, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth TN25 6SR**

Team sheet
1) Ron Hillyard
2) Steve Bruce
3) Chris Hope
4) Charlie Marks
5) Dennis Hunt
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